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**A Delhi court issues summons to CM Kejriwal on a fresh plea by ED, stating that he is 'legally bound to comply with the summons' in a laundering case. He has been asked to appear on March 16, P 7**

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## Cabinet hikes DA from 46% to 50% of basic pay

Union cabinet on Thursday hiked DA for central govt staff and dearness relief for pensioners by 4 percentage points—from 46% of basic pay to 50%—effective Jan, while also revising other benefits. The move, which will benefit 1.2cr central govt staff & pensioners, will have an annual impact of Rs 12,900cr on the exchequer. **P 16**



Ex-DU professor G N Saibaba celebrates with wife Vasantha after being released from Nagpur Central Jail Thursday. He said he was 'lucky to have come out alive'. **P 30**

## April hope for Wish Town homebuyers

National Company Law Appellate Tribunal has allowed Suraksha Group to start construction at Jaypee Wish Town, where more than 20,000 homebuyers have been waiting for their flats for more than a decade. It sought consensus by next hearing on April 18. **P 8**

## Doc, 71, loses ₹8.6L to sextortionists

Fraudsters made a video call to a 71-year-old city doctor with a woman at the other end and later extorted Rs 8.6 lakh by threatening to circulate the video of him in a 'compromising position'. Two suspects have been arrested. **P 3**

# Will continue to work to win hearts, PM tells J&K

## 1st Valley Visit After Nixing Of Special Status

Manash Pratim Gohain & Saleem Pandit | TNN

**Srinagar/New Delhi:** On his first visit to Kashmir since the 2019 nullification of special status under Article 370, PM Modi Thursday strongly justified his momentous decision saying it has transformed lives and speeded up development, while seeking to strike an emotive chord with the people, saying "mein dil jeetne aaya hoon (I have come to win hearts)".

Addressing a meeting at Srinagar's Bakshi stadium after launching projects worth more than Rs 6,000 crore, he said, "During each visit here



PM Modi interacts with a participant at an exhibition in Srinagar prior to Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu Kashmir event on Thursday

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after 2014, I have maintained that I am working hard to win your hearts. And day by day I am seeing that I have made steady progress towards my objective. I will keep trying to win hearts of Kashmiris till I have won each." The outreach

amid interaction with entrepreneurs came along with a vigorous defence of the decision to do away with special status, which has been criticised by parties from the Valley.

► **'Neutralisation...' P 18**

## Rahul to fight in Wayanad, no decision yet on Amethi

**New Delhi:** Rahul Gandhi is likely to contest from Wayanad as the Congress Election Committee Thursday cleared the names of all the 15 sitting MPs from Kerala for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Of 60 seats under consideration, the party cleared names for 40, prominent among them being former CM Bhanupesh Baghel from Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, ex-Manipur CM Ibobi Singh from Manipur Valley and Shashi Tharoor from Thiruvananthapuram. As per indications, Congress will tie up in Tripura with CPM, which is expected to take Tripura East. **TNN**

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## DANCE of DEMOCRACY

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► Want to make son Aaditya CM of Maha, Uddhav says in public rally | **P 18**

## Cabinet clears ₹10k cr plan for NE, extends LPG subsidy of ₹300

In a pre-election push targeted at the north-eastern states and women, the Union Cabinet on Thursday cleared a Rs 10,000 crore industrialisation scheme for the hilly region and Rs 12,000 crore for the next fiscal to extend the subsidy of Rs 300 a cylinder under the Ujjwala scheme.

In addition, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs decided to increase the MSP for jute by Rs 285 a quintal to Rs 5,335, in a bid to ensure a return of 65% of all-India weighted average cost of

production for farmers. The decision will greatly benefit farmers in eastern states, especially West Bengal, textiles minister Piyush Goyal said. The move comes days before the model code of conduct for elections kicks in. **P 16**

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## 3 get life term for murder of Ankit Saxena

**New Delhi:** A city court sentenced three convicts to rigorous life imprisonment for the murder of photographer Ankit Saxena over an interfaith love affair: Sparing the noose for the parents and uncle of Saxena's girlfriend, court said death sentence in this case was not justified.

"Case... does not fall in the category of rarest of rare and there is a strong possibility of their reformation. Therefore, none of them deserves to be punished with the death sentence," additional sessions judge Sunil Kumar Sharma noted. **TNN**

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# SC: Not an offence to call abrogation of Art 370 a black day

## Says Citizens Have A Right To Criticise Govt

**New Delhi:** In a landmark judgment, Supreme Court on Thursday made 'right to dissent lawfully' a part of right to life and said terminating abrogation of J&K's special status under Article 370 a 'black day', coupled with wishing happy independence day to Pakistan, would not constitute an offence of promoting enmity between groups or communities on religious lines under Section 153A of IPC, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

"Every citizen of India has a right to be critical of the action of abrogation of Art 370 & the change of status of J&K. Describing the day the abroga-

The right to dissent in a legitimate and lawful manner is an integral part of the rights guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a). Every individual must respect the right of others to dissent. An opportunity to peacefully protest against decisions of govt is an essential part of democracy

— Justice Abhay S Oka

tion happened as a 'black day' is an expression of protest and anguish. If every criticism or protest of actions of the state is to be held as an offence under Sect 153A, democracy, which is an essential feature of the Constitution, won't survive," said a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka & Ujjal Bhuyan.

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## MORE FROM SUPREME COURT

### 'Isn't Maha speaker decision contrary to our verdict?'

**New Delhi:** Supreme Court Thursday took the prima facie view that Maharashtra speaker Rahul Narwekar's Jan 10 decision recognising the Ek-nath Shinde faction as the real Sena based on its legislative majority could be violative of the SC's May 2023 judgment barring him from deciding the dispute based solely on the strength of group MLAs in the House, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**. CJI said, "Speaker decides (real Sena) based on legislative strength of the factions. Is this not contrary to our judgment?"

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### 'Terminally ill have fundamental right to palliative care'

**New Delhi:** After devising a passive euthanasia mechanism in 2018 allowing a dignified end for terminally-ill patients in permanent vegetative state, SC on Thursday said such patients had a fundamental right to palliative care till their eventual death and sought a detailed report from the Centre on rollout of such measures in govt hospitals, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**. Appearing for PIL petitioner-cum-doctor Rajashree Nagaraju, senior advocate Jayna Kothari pleaded for a declaration from SC.

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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► **Teen Levels The Pitch:** U-19 WC-winning cricketer Soumya Tiwari, 17, spends part of her earnings to fund training of female cricketers who can't afford it | **P 22**

► **Writing The Wrong:** Girls are harnessing power of writing to bring change. A perimeter wall was built at a govt school in Poonch after Ruksar Kausar wrote about it. After Hema Rawal's family lost their home to rain, she wrote about it in a newspaper. That brought help | **P 22**

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# Merchants Of Death: Gang That Supplied Fake Medicines Busted

**NATIONWIDE RACKET:** Surge In Supply To Retail Markets Of Delhi Prompts Action

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New Delhi: Delhi Police's Crime Branch has busted a massive counterfeit medicine racket, comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers and pharmacists, and arrested 10 people. Besides seizing fake medicines worth crores, the cops have also sealed two factories located in Ghaziabad and Shamli from where huge quantities of raw materials, empty printed boxes, packaging material and machinery parts have been seized. The syndicate was supplying fake medicines across the country, risking people's lives, police said.

Special commissioner (crime) Shalini Singh said that the racket had links in many states, including Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. "The seized fake medicines are prescribed as painkillers and antibiotics apart from medicines for diabetes, migraine, etc. The breakthrough came in the wake of inputs suggesting that there had been a surge in the supply of fake medicines in the retail markets of Delhi".

"Several anti-gang squads were pressed into service to locate the suspects involved in this trade, which was a public health hazard," Singh added.

One team, along with representatives of Johnson & Johnson and Lupin company, intercepted a van at Tilak Marg and nabbed two persons. "During the search, a huge quantity of fake tablets with labels of Ultracet, Amaryl 1M, Glucorm and Defcort were recovered from the van. During interrogation, the suspects disclosed the names of their accomplices who were subsequently arrested with large amounts of fake medicines," a senior officer said.

Another team arrested a man with a large quantity of fake tablets and capsules. The third team apprehended

## CHECK BEFORE YOU BUY

### The Operation

- ▶ Crime Branch receives tip-off about sale of fake medicines in the city, gathers intel
- ▶ Multiple teams act on inputs, conduct simultaneous raids at different locations
- ▶ 10, including suppliers, manufacturers, pharmacy owners and agents, arrested
- ▶ Large amount of fake medicines, empty shells seized
- ▶ Two manufacturing units busted in NCR

### Fake medicines found

Name	Company	Quantity
Ultracet	Johnson & Johnson	35,700 tablets
Amaryl 1M	Sanofi	2,380 tablets
Glucorm G1	Lupin	17,000 tablets
Defcort-6	Macleods Pharma	18,600 tablets
Monocel-O	Aristo	2,16,000 tablets
Pantocid DSR	Sun Pharma	7,350 tablets
Omed Dsr	Dr Reddy	6,750 tablets

Empty gelatin capsule shells | 2,50,000



### Main characters

**Surender Malik** | Manufacturer; graduated in arts from Hindu College, Sonapat, in 2003  
**Vikas Chauhan** | Manufacturer; holds a degree in D Pharma from Roorkee  
**Anil Kumar** | Manufacturer and factory setup  
**Praveez** | Supplier  
**Daniyal Ali** | Holds a diploma

in pharmacy; gave his licence to medicine shops on commission  
**Abdul Basit** | Chemist; ran a medicine shop in Geeta colony, sold fake medicines  
**Upkar Singh & Mukesh** | Agents; engaged in sale and purchase of medicines for a commission of 8-9%

three other suspects from the trans-Yamuna area.

During interrogation, it came to fore that fake medicines were also being manufactured in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. Further, role of suspects with D Pharma degrees lending their documents for running pharmacy shops to sell fake medicines emerged. The cops then located a medicine shop in Geeta Colony,

ny, which was involved in the sale of these fake medicines.

The Crime Branch also conducted a raid in Panipat and seized over 2.1 lakh tablets of a medicine named Monocel-O. During investigation, a factory set up in Himachal Pradesh was identified but it came to fore that it had been shifted to Shamli, UP. A raid was conducted there and a factory with a complete machinery setup was found running. Two more suspects, including the factory owner, were arrested.

Police busted another factory in Ghaziabad on the basis of disclosure of the arrested people. A godown in New Defence Colony was also busted and more medicines were recovered besides empty Gelatin capsule shells and die machines. "Overall, we seized

## LG orders axing of 2 non-official members of Dusib

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday ordered the termination of the services of two non-official members of Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (Dusib) who had been continuing as "expert members" allegedly without having the requisite "experience and expertise" in urban planning and slum matters.

Raj Niwas officials said Bipin Kumar Rai had been performing the role for the past nine years while Amrendra Kumar was appointed a non-official member in March 2022. "Both were drawing hefty remuneration in contravention of the law. LG used his powers vide Section 4(2) of Dusib Act 2010 and ordered their termination with immediate effect," said an official.

"LG has also directed that a panel of fresh names for expert members, who fulfil requisite qualifications, may be submitted for consideration in terms of the provisions of the Act and Section 45D of GNCTD (Amendment) Act 2023 within a week," the official added.

Reacting to the order, AAP govt stated, "LG wakes up every day with a new idea (on) how to stop the works of Delhi govt. Appointment of Dusib members lies in the domain of elected govt, not LG. If he had any questions regarding them, he could have discussed it with CM. But he didn't do it. At a time when LG should



LG VK Saxena

be stopping the illegal demolition of slums in Delhi by Delhi Development Authority, he is busy removing Dusib members who are opposing this inhumane action."

Under control of Delhi govt, Dusib is primarily responsible for providing basic amenities to slum and JJ dwellers in the city. It also runs night shelters.

Raj Niwas officials said Rai was a psychologist and appointed with Dusib in 2015 with the approval of the then LG. Kumar was appointed on the recommendation of the then urban development minister. They claimed that AK Gupta, another non-official member

who was appointed on the recommendation of the then urban development minister and retired at the age of 72, did not fulfil the requisite qualification either.

Instead of engaging both Rai and Gupta as expert members, Dusib utilised them as non-officials. While Rai was coordinating with and monitoring the functioning of agencies running night shelters under overall supervision of member (administration), Gupta was in the management and operation of Jan Suvidha complexes under overall supervision of member (engineering) and CEO.

Officials said Rai's salary had been enhanced in contravention of Section 52 (2)(a) of Dusib Act as the members were appointed at consolidated remuneration and there was no provision of increment.

## ₹5,000cr spent in illegal colonies, life better: Govt

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New Delhi: Delhi govt said on Thursday it has managed to provide a better road network, piped water and sewer lines in unauthorised colonies with nearly Rs 5,000 crore spent in the past nine years.

These colonies are spread across the city, but a majority are found in northwest, west, southeast and northeast parts of Delhi.

According to data provided by AAP govt, nearly 4,000 km of roads and streets have been re-laid and 2,484 km of water lines and 2091 km of sewer lines installed in these areas.

With more than Rs 900 crore set aside, officials said a majority of unauthorised colonies will be upgraded in the 2024-25 financial year.

"Our govt is committed to providing basic facilities to improve the lives of people living in unauthorised colonies. To continue the work for expansion of roads and drains in the unauthorised colonies of Delhi on a war footing, Rs 902 crore has been earmarked in the budget estimates for 2024-25," said Delhi urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj.

He added that Delhi govt has implemented the 'Strengthening and Augmentation of Infrastructure' scheme for maintenance of roads, streets and streetlights in each assembly constituency by utilising the money available under the MLA local area development fund.

"Under this scheme, 1,002

### DEVELOPMENT WORK DONE IN UNAUTHORISED COLONIES, AS PER DELHI GOVT

WORK	Before 2014	After 2014
No. of colonies where roads/streets built	262	822
Length of roads/streets built	Record unavailable	3,597.4km
No. of roads/streets built	Record unavailable	40,546
No. of colonies where water lines laid	983	697
Length of water lines laid	2,652km	2,484km
No. of colonies where sewer lines laid	230	746
Length of sewer lines laid	173.8km	2091.5km

new projects were approved for 2023-24, of which 717 have been completed. In order to continue this developmental work, Rs 400 crore has been allocated under the MLALAD scheme in the 2024-25 budget," said Bharadwaj.

According to an estimate, over 30 per cent of Delhi's population reside in these illegal colonies. While the total number of such settlements, according to govt records, is 1797, barring 86 affluent pockets, the govt has identified 1731 for regularisation and redevelopment.

Two govt agencies - department of irrigation and flood control and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation - have spent Rs 2,889 crore and Rs 2,125 crore, respectively, to ensure the residents get better amenities.

According to officials, Delhi Jal Board, through DSI-

IDC and I&FC departments, has connected over 98 per cent of these colonies with piped water networks.

"Till 2014, people living in the unauthorised colonies and slums had to stand in long queues and wait for tankers to get their daily supply of water. Since the AAP govt was formed, 9.3 lakh households got water supply for the first time," said an official, adding that water availability in the capital has increased from 840 MGD to 1009 MGD.

Another official said that providing all basic facilities to the residents of unauthorised colonies and developing infrastructure had always been AAP govt's top priorities. According to the data made available, more than 40,000 big and small streets and roads have been laid in unauthorised colonies since the Kejriwal govt took over in 2015.



Saurabh Bharadwaj

## CS deposes officials to address colony failings after Kejriwal's prod

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi chief secretary Nareish Kumar on Thursday deputed senior IAS officials for the compliance of orders on addressing shortcomings in basic amenities in some unauthorised colonies after chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's directions on the matter.

Kumar also asked officials to provide him with an action-taken report at 4.30pm every day, which he would forward to the chief minister for his perusal.

The officials deputed by the chief secretary included additional chief secretary (industries) Manish Kumar Gupta, principal secretary (environment and forests) AK Singh and special secretary (health and family welfare) SK Jain.

While Gupta has been assigned the area of Kirari, Singh will look after Sangam Vihar. Jain will be in charge of Burari.

LG VK Saxena had in the past few weeks inspected unauthorised colonies in these three areas and had highlighted the lack of amenities by

posting photographs on X. Responding to Saxena's tweet, Kejriwal had directed Kumar to address the shortcomings in a week. The chief minister had directed the chief secretary to provide him with the action-taken report daily at 5pm.

Kumar also deputed one IAS official in each of the three areas to provide support to the official in-charge. While special secretary (planning) Ravi Dhawan will support Gupta in Kirari, director (social welfare) Anjali Sehrawat has been linked to Singh in Sangam Vihar and special secretary (urban development) Sonalika Jiwan has been deployed in Burari to support Jain.

The DMs of the respective districts, where these areas fall, have also been asked to work closely with senior officials.

"These officials shall make ground visits to ensure that the officials of the respective departments take time-bound action to address such shortcomings," Kumar said in his order.

## Services on Yellow Line hit for over 3 hrs

New Delhi: Normal service between Vishwavidyalaya and Kashmere Gate metro stations on Yellow Line was affected for over three hours on Thursday. Metro trains ran at a restricted speed, causing inconvenience to passengers.

"Train services on Yellow Line (Millennium City Centre Gurugram to Samaypur Badli) were regulated from 2 pm to 5.15 pm owing to a track circuit drop (signalling) issue between Vishwavidyalaya and Kashmere Gate station. Due to this, trains ran at restricted speed in this small section resulting into bunching of trains. Normal train services were available on the rest of the sections of Yellow Line," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC.

The necessary repair of the track circuit will be undertaken during night after the closing of revenue service to avoid inconvenience to public in daytime, he said. "The metro was moving slow and even stopped at various spots other than stations. I reached late for my meeting," said Meenakshi Tripathi (32), a real estate sector executive. TNN

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# 71-year-old doctor loses ₹8.6 lakh in sextortion trap, two arrested

**TIMES NEWS NETWORK**

**New Delhi:** A 71-year-old doctor in east Delhi fell victim to a sextortion gang. The scammers extorted Rs 8.6 lakh from him by threatening to circulate a video of him with a woman in a compromising position on the other end of a video call, police said.

Two suspects, identified as Mahfuz (39) and Aamir Khan (26), were arrested from Mewat in Rajasthan for allegedly running the racket, police said, adding that they were found involved in 25 cases across the country.

Police received a complaint from the doctor who alleged that fraudsters had recorded him in a compromising position during a WhatsApp video call and extorted a large sum of money from him by threatening to circulate the video on social media, a senior police officer said. Multiple teams were formed to crack the case.

"We found that the stolen money was transferred to various bank accounts in Haryana, Punjab and

**Doctor alleged that fraudsters had recorded him in a compromising position during a WhatsApp video call and extorted money from him by threatening to publicise the video**

Maharashtra. Remarkably, all of these accounts were opened digitally solely for the purpose of receiving fraudulently obtained funds, lacking proper know your customer (KYC) verification," said Apoorva Gupta, deputy commissioner of police (east).

While analysing the mobile numbers used by the fraudsters to contact the complainant, the investigation led to Mewat area in Rajasthan. "A raid was conducted, and the two accused were nabbed," the DCP said, adding that seven phones and 11 SIM cards which were used in the sextortion were recovered from the accused. Two compromising videos of the complainant have also been confiscated.

Further investigation was underway to arrest other members of the gang. Three people, suspected of being involved

in other sextortion crimes, have been identified and they guided and initiated the suspects into this activity, police said.

Twenty-five cyber fraud cases from Bihar, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi were found linked to the suspects, police said, adding that these connections were established through analysis of transactions linked to bank accounts.

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FC-18, INSTITUTIONAL AREA,  
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**No. F.1(101)/P&P-I/DSSSB/2023/5230-42**

**Dated: 04/03/2024**

**Public Notice**

Applications are invited through online mode on the website <https://dsssonline.nic.in> from the eligible PwBD candidates in respect of Post Code 76/23, for the post of Sub Station Attendant Gr. II [ Reserved for Male only ] and Post Code-77/23, for the post of Asstt. Electric Fitter advertised vide advertisement no. 03/23 from 14/03/2024 to 03/04/2024 (till 11:59 PM). The details of revised vacancies and PwBD suitability are available on DSSSB's website.

Only online applications will be accepted. Applications received by post/by hand/by mail etc. will not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. No correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

The cut-off date for determining the eligibility with respect to Educational qualification, age, experience and other eligibility conditions for the post shall be as on 20.01.2023 (same as advertised earlier vide Advt. No.03/23).

The rest of the contents of Advt. No. 03/23 shall remain unchanged.

This issues with the prior approval of Competent Authority.

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**Deputy Secretary(P&P-1)**

**DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0373/23-24**

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# Power Subsidy Scheme Extended Till Next March

**22 Lakh Households Get Zero Bills Under This Initiative**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The Delhi cabinet, in its meeting chaired by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday, extended the power subsidy scheme till March 2025, power minister Atishi said. Around 22 lakh households get zero power bills under the scheme.

After the meeting, Kejriwal posted on X, "I congratulate the people of Delhi very much. Your 24 hours electricity (zero power cut) and free electricity has been extended till March 31, 2025. This also includes free electricity for the lawyers' chambers. Many people had doubts about the electricity subsidy—will it be available next year or not? Let me tell you that these people tried their best to stop it. But your son got this work done also."

Atishi said that AAP govt had been fulfilling this promise for the past nine years. "Our opponents tried to ensure that Delhiites do not get zero power bills. Officers were threatened, but since Kejriwal has committed to providing zero



**Delhi govt provides free electricity to consumers with a monthly usage of 200 units. A subsidy of 50% is given to those who use 201-400 units per month**

bills to consumers, govt will ensure that they get it," the minister added.

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units per month.

Atishi alleged that whenever Kejriwal attempted to make decisions for the welfare of people, opponents employed various tactics to hinder them. "Last year, when the power subsidy scheme was about to be implemented, the opposition made significant efforts to halt it. At one point, we even had to announce that the power subsidy would be discontinued," she said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that BJP was not opposing the free electricity being given to the households consuming up to 200 units a month. "We welcome the extension of the power subsidy, but we reiterate our longstanding demand that all consumers, be it residential or commercial, should be given the first 200 units for free," he stated.

"On the one hand, Delhi govt claims to be giving 200 free units of power to a section of the society, but on the other, most commercial and industrial consumers are forced to buy electricity at high rates," Kapoor added.

# Delhi 14th most polluted Indian city in Feb

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Delhi, which was the most polluted city in India in Jan, showed some improvement in Feb and occupied 14th rank in the country but it was still severely polluted, says a new analysis by Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

Delhi recorded PM2.5 concentration of 103 µg/m3 in Feb which was nearly double the prescribed daily national ambient air quality standard and seven times the WHO's prescribed safe levels.

Sunil Dahiya, South Asia analyst, CREA, said, "The air quality in Delhi has improved compared to previous years specifically for the past month when meteorological factors majorly drove the improvements. While some actions on pollution reduction at source have been taken, the sectoral coverage and pace of such actions don't justify the severity of the hazard of polluted air we breathe. There is an urgent need to speed up the steps taken to clean the air by reducing pollution at the source through the adoption of an emission load reduction-based

approach for the polluting sector and larger air-shed."

The analysis ranked Indian cities based on their monthly average PM2.5 concentration for Feb 2024 and found Bhubaneswar, on the border of Meghalaya and Assam, as the most polluted in this Feb followed by Araria, Hapur, Hanumanagar, Nalbari, Muzaffarnagar, Bhagalpur, Buxar, Greater Noida, and Chhapra, respectively, from second to 10th positions.

Only Satna in Madhya Pradesh complied to the WHO's daily safe guideline concentration of 15 µg/m³.

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Website: <https://dsssb.delhi.gov.in>**

No. F.1(255)/P&P-VDSSSB/2024/Advt./5253

Dated: 05/03/2024

**VACANCY NOTICE  
ADVERTISEMENT NO. 05/2024**

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as under :-

Opening Date for Submission of Online Applications: - 19/03/2024 (19th March, 2024) (From 12.00 PM)  
Closing Date for Submission of Online Applications: - 17/04/2024 (17th April, 2024) (Till 11.59 PM)

Online Applications are invited for recruitment to the following posts under different Departments/Local/Autonomous Bodies under Govt. of NCT of Delhi: -

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of the Post	Name of Deptt.	Group	Vacancies* (Incl. Backlog Vacancies)									
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD (Incl.)	Ex-SM (Incl.)	SP(Incl.)	
1	09/24	Veterinary and Livestock Inspector	Animal Husbandry Unit	C	17	26	04	00	06	53	02	06	02	
2	10/24	Canteen Attendant	Directorate of Training (JTCS)	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	
3	11/24	Salesman Grade-I	DTTDC	C	10	05	03	01	01	20	00	02	00	
4	12/24	General Correspondent Assistant	DTTDC	C	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	
5	13/24	Store Keeper	DTTDC	C	06	02	01	00	00	09	02	01	00	
6	14/24	Account Assistant cum Cashier	DTTDC	C	10	05	02	01	01	19	01	02	00	
7	15/24	PGT (Informatics Practices/ Computer Science)	NDMC	B	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	--	--	
8	16/24	PGT (English)	NDMC	B	03	02	02	01	01	09	00	--	--	
9	17/24	PGT (Sanskrit)	NDMC	B	01	00	01	00	01	03	00	--	--	
10	18/24	PGT (Music)	NDMC	B	00	01	00	00	00	01	01	--	--	
11	19/24	PGT (Painting)	NDMC	B	03	01	01	00	01	06	01	--	--	
12	20/24	Assistant Architect	NDMC	B	02	02	00	00	00	05	00	--	--	
13	21/24	Assistant Director (Horticulture)	NDMC	B	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	--	--	
14	22/24	Chair Side Assistant	NDMC	C	06	02	01	00	00	09	01	00	00	
15	23/24	Dental Mechanic	NDMC	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	01	00	00	
16	24/24	Dental Operating Room Assistant Gr-II	NDMC	C	04	01	00	00	00	05	01	00	00	
17	25/24	ECG Technician	NDMC	C	02	01	00	00	01	04	00	00	00	
18	26/24	Statistical Assistant	NDMC	B	01	01	00	00	00	02	00	--	--	
19	27/24	Welder	NDMC	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	
20	28/24	Assistant Director (Horticulture)	MCD	B	06	03	01	00	01	11	01	--	--	
21	29/24	Laboratory Assistant	MCD	C	17	10	04	03	03	37	02	03	00	
22	30/24	Public Health Nursing Officer	MCD	B	12	15	10	05	04	46	00	--	--	
23	31/24	S.C.G. Technician	MCD	C	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	00	00	
24	32/24	Assistant Community Organizer	MCD	C	07	05	03	01	02	18	00	01	00	
25	33/24	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	MCD	C	140	82	51	25	34	342	14	34	17	
26	34/24	Stenographer Grade 'D'	MCD	C	77	51	26	14	18	186	08	18	00	
27	35/24	Caretaker (Male)	Women and Child Development	C	38	22	13	08	08	91	04	08	04	
28	36/24	Caretaker (Female)	Women and Child Development	C	26	17	09	05	07	64	02	06	03	
29	37/24	House Father/Matron (Only for Male)	Women and Child Development	C	19	10	05	03	03	40	02	04	02	
30	38/24	House Mother/Matron (Only for Female)	Women and Child Development	C	11	07	04	01	03	26	01	02	01	
31	39/24	Nursing Orderly	Women and Child Development	C	02	01	01	00	00	04	00	00	00	
32	40/24	Physical Training Instructor (Male)	Women and Child Development	C	01	01	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	
33	41/24	Physical Training Instructor (Female)	Women and Child Development	C	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	
34	42/24	Investigator	Women and Child Development	C	06	02	01	00	01	10	01	01	00	
35	43/24	Protection Officer	Women and Child Development	B	02	02	01	01	02	08	01	-	-	
36	44/24	Dietician	MCD	B	04	02	01	00	00	07	01	-	-	
37	45/24	Physiotherapist	MCD	B	05	02	01	01	01	10	00	-	-	
38	46/24	Inspecting Officer	Labour Department	C	00	03	01	01	00	05	01	01	00	
39	47/24	Instructor Civil Defence/Technical Assistant	Directorate of Civil Defence	C	08	04	02	01	00	15	00	02	00	
40	48/24	Laboratory Attendant	Drugs Control Department	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	01	00	00	
41	49/24	Draftsman Grade- II	MCD	B	03	01	01	00	00	05	01	00	00	
42	50/24	Sample Carrier	Drugs Control Department	C	02	02	00	00	01	05	02	00	00	
43	51/24	Laboratory Assistant (Chemistry)	Drugs Control Department	C	00	01*	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	
44	52/24	Assistant Archaeologist	Department of Archaeology	B	02	02	00	00	00	04	00	-	-	
45	53/24	Labour Officer	Delhi Transport Corporation	B	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	-	-	
46	54/24	Junior Engineer (Mechanical)	Irrigation & Flood Control Department	C	04	03	01	01	00	09	00	00	00	
47	55/24	Librarian	Directorate of Education	B	04	02	03	01	05	15	05	-	-	
48	56/24	TGT (Computer Science)	Directorate of Education	B	36	02	02	06	05	51	13	-	-	
49	57/24	Domestic Science Teacher	Directorate of Education	B	46	37	08	35	19	145	16	-	-	
50	58/24	Motor vehicle Inspector	Transport Department	B	06	04	01	03	04	20	03	-	-	
51	59/24	Junior Assistant	Urdu Academy	C	03	00	00	00	00	03	00	00	00	
52	60/24	Junior Laboratory Analyst	Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax	C	02	01	01	00	00	04	00	00	00	
53	61/24	Assistant Chemical Examiner	Excise, Entertainment & Luxury Tax	C	02	01	01	00	01	05	00	00	00	
54	62/24	Armourer	FSL	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	
55	63/24	Programmer	DSCSC	C	04	01	00	00	00	05	01	00	00	
56	64/24	Assistant Manager (Accounts)	DSCSC	C	13	07	03	01	02	26	01	02	01	
57	65/24	Accounts Assistant	DSBDC	C	23	14	08	04	05	54	04	05	02	
58	66/24	Personnel Assistant	DSBDC	B	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	--	--	
59	67/24	Personnel Assistant (Hindi)	Delhi Transco Limited	C	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	
60	68/24	Junior Environmental Engineer	DPCC	B	13	10	06	02	04	35	01	--	--	
61	69/24	Pharmacist	MAIDS	C	01	01	00	00	00	02	00	00	00	
62	70/24	Field Clerk	Directorate of Civil Defence	C	04	01	00	00	00	05	00	00	00	
63	71/24	Architectural Assistant	DUSB	B	03	01	00	00	00	04	00	--	--	
64	72/24	Vaccinator	NDMC	C	04	01	00	00	01	06	00	00	00	
TOTAL VACANCIES					85	39	18	12	14	168	18	97	32	
					6	3	5	5	6	1	98	07	32	

\*The above vacancies are tentative and based on inputs of the indenting Departments / Bodies.

\*\* Under Special Recruitment Drive (For OBC / SC / ST)

Candidates must apply online through the website <https://dsssonline.nic.in>

The closing date for submission of online application is up to 17/04/2024 (Till 11:59 PM) after which the link will be disabled. The applicants are advised to visit DSSSB's website <https://dsssb.delhi.gov.in/current-vacancies/Delhi-subordinate-services-selection-board> to check the detailed advertisement and confirm their eligibility for the above vacancies based on the Recruitment Rules of the indenting departments. The date of conduct of examinations will be intimated in due course only through the website of the Board.

Further, candidate is advised to visit website of the Board on regular basis to get updates. The Board shall not be responsible for any lapse on the part of the candidate in this regard.

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F.No.1 (258)/P&P-VDSSSB/2024/Advt./5255

Dated: 05/03/2024

**VACANCY NOTICE / ADVERTISEMENT NO. 06/2024  
COMBINED EXAMINATION, 2024 FOR LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-III), LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-IV), LAB TECHNICIAN, PHARMACIST (ALLOPATHIC), JUNIOR PHARMACIST, DRAFTSMAN GRADE-III (CIVIL), STORE KEEPER, STORE SUPERVISOR, AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIFE, ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR, DRIVER, STAFF CAR DRIVER (ORDINARY GRADE), DRIVER (LMV), STAFF CAR DRIVER**

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as below: -

Opening Date of Application: 21/03/2024 (21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2024) (FROM 12.00 PM) Closing Date of Application: 19/04/2024 (19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2024) (TILL 11.59 PM)													
Delhi Subordinate Services Selection Board (DSSSB) invites online applications from eligible candidates for recruitment to the post of LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-III), LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-IV), LAB TECHNICIAN, PHARMACIST (ALLOPATHIC), JUNIOR PHARMACIST, DRAFTSMAN GRADE-III (CIVIL), STORE KEEPER, STORE SUPERVISOR, AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIFE, ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR, DRIVER, STAFF CAR DRIVER (ORDINARY GRADE), DRIVER (LMV), STAFF CAR DRIVER against vacancies in respect of various Departments / Autonomous Bodies / Local Bodies of Government of NCT of Delhi as per details given below: -													
LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-III), LAB TECHNICIAN (GROUP-IV), LAB TECHNICIAN, PHARMACIST (ALLOPATHIC), JUNIOR PHARMACIST, DRAFTSMAN GRADE-III (CIVIL), STORE KEEPER, STORE SUPERVISOR, AUXILIARY NURSE MIDWIFE, ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR, DRIVER, STAFF CAR DRIVER (ORDINARY GRADE), DRIVER (LMV), STAFF CAR DRIVER													
Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Post	Name of Department	Pay Level	Vacancies * (Including Backlog Vacancies)								
					UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total	PwBD	Ex-SM	SP
1	813/24	Driver	Drugs Control Department	2	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
2		Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	Department of Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs	2	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
3		Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	Lokayukta	2	00	01	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
4		Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	Directorate of Vigilance	2	02	00	01	00	00	03	00	00	00
5		Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	General Administration Department	2	05	02	01	03	01	12	00	01	00
6		Driver (LMV)	Delhi Archives	2	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
7		Staff Car Driver (Ordinary Grade)	Delhi Prisons	2	06	02	01	01	01	11	00	01	00
1	814/24	Lab Technician (Group-III) (Cardiology etc.)	Health & Family Welfare	5	13	11	06	04	04	38	05	03	01
2		Lab Technician (Group-IV) (Biochemistry etc.)	Health & Family Welfare	5	02	01	00	03	00	06	03	00	00
3		Lab Technician	New Delhi Municipal Council	5	00	05	01	02	02	10	02	01	00
4		Laboratory Technician	Drugs Control Department	5	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
1	815/24	Pharmacist (Dispenser)	Municipal Corporations of Delhi	5	35	41	17	12	05	110	07	10	00
2		Pharmacist (Allopathic)	New Delhi Municipal Council	5	03	08	02	04	01	18	05	01	00
1	816/24	Auxiliary Nurse / Midwife	Municipal Corporations of Delhi	4	30	55	17	28	14	144	08	14	00
2		Auxiliary Nurse Midwife	New Delhi Municipal Council	4	02	00	00	03	03	08	00	00	00
1	817/24	Draftsman Grade-III (Civil)	New Delhi Municipal Council	4	03	01	00	00	02	06	00	00	00
2			Municipal Corporations of Delhi	4	01	01	01	00	01	04	01	00	00
1	818/24	Store Keeper	Directorate General of Home Guards	4	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
2		Store Supervisor	Directorate General of Home Guards	5	01	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00
1	819/24	Pharmacist	Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board	4	02	00	00	00	00	02	00	00	00
2		Junior Pharmacist	Delhi Transco Limited	5	00	02	01	00	00	03	01	00	00
1	820/24	Assistant Sanitary Inspector	Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board	2	01	02	00	00	01	04	00	00	00
2			New Delhi Municipal Council	4	10	09	03	01	05	28	00	00	00
GRAND TOTAL					120	142	51	61	40	414	32	31	1





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# As Covid Cases Spike, Docs Say No Need For Alarm But Stay Cautious

Influenza Cases Also Rising In City, Symptoms More Severe Than Covid: Experts

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New Delhi: Doctors, while responding to the rise in the number of Covid-19 cases in the city, said there is no need to panic as most patients have mild symptoms that took 5 to 7 days to recover from, but requested vigilance and following of safety norms.

Delhi reported 63 new Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, the highest daily number since May last year when more than 50 cases were reported in a day.

Doctors in leading private and government hospitals said that along with Covid, there was a spike in influenza cases and in H1N1 infection with slightly more severe symptoms than Covid-19. The doctors said that a prolonged cough was being reported by patients after H1N1 or H3N2 infections.

Dr Sushila Kataria, director and head of the department of internal medicine at Medanta Hospital, Gurgaon, said: "In the last 15 days, I have seen about 7-8 cases of Co-

## THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- If one experiences coughing, fever or eye infections, especially if they persist or worsen, one must seek prompt medical attention
- Individuals should exercise caution, especially in crowded or high-risk environments
- Wearing of masks, hand hygiene and social distancing remain paramount
- Annual flu vaccination is must and for patients who have comorbidities, pneumonia vaccination is also suggested



City reported 54 new cases on Thursday, 63 a day before

- In the last 15 days, Delhi logged 459 cases
- Most cases have been mild
- Symptoms are not distinguishable from other respiratory illnesses like flu
- Immunocompromised and elderly people are at risk

vid, mostly in OPD. One or two had to be admitted because of some other issues. All the cases are mild... But patients are indeed complaining of high-grade fever, cough and cold. Some have re-

ported loss of smell," she said, adding that staying watchful is important.

Dr Sandeep Budhiraja, group medical director of Max Healthcare and senior director at the Institute of In-

ternal Medicine, said that most of these are viral illnesses and have turned out to be H1N1 positive. "In the last few weeks, we have started seeing Covid-positive cases, but they are mild," he said, adding

that a few cases with pneumonia-like symptoms have been treated in the OPD and some required hospitalisation.

Dr Shweta Bansal, senior consultant for pulmonology and sleep medicine at Narayana Hospital, said that such infections are seen during "temperature fluctuations in transitional seasons such as Feb-March and Oct-Nov."

"If anyone experiences symptoms such as coughing, fever or eye infection, especially if they persist or worsen, he/she must seek prompt medical attention," she said.

Government hospitals are also reporting Covid positive cases. "At least 11 cases have been reported at Safdarjung Hospital in the last 15 days but most had mild symptoms," doctors said.

RML Hospital has also reported Covid-positive cases in the last two weeks. Seven patients were admitted and three were discharged. Director and medical superintendent Dr Ajay Shukla said that severity of infection is low.

## IFS officer from Odisha cadre is new zoo director

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New Delhi: The Central Zoo Authority (CZA) has appointed Dr Sanjeet Kumar, an IFS officer of Odisha cadre, as the new director of Delhi Zoo.

He will replace Akanksha Mahajan who had been holding additional charge of the zoo. Mahajan will continue her work as DIG, Central Zoo Authority, an official said.

"I am directed to refer to the govt of Odisha letter dated Jan 19 and to inform that with the approval of the competent authority, Dr Sanjeet Kumar, has been selected for appointment to the post of Director, NZP, New Delhi on tenure deputation basis under the Central Staffing Scheme of this ministry," stated the Feb 28 letter signed by a central govt officer.

The letter stated that the central deputation tenure of the officer will be for five years from the date of joining the post.

Since 2019, National Zoological Park (Delhi zoo) has seen seven directors of which four were given additional charge, with tenure spanning from 10 months to 14 months.

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## DMRC's new software to streamline customer grievance management

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Thursday launched an indigenously developed, custom-made software to streamline and smoothen its customer grievance management mechanism.

The software called 'Public Complaints Management System' (PCMS) will help in real-time monitoring of complaints, tracking and categorizing of the feedback and allotting them to the right officials for quick redressal. Unveiled by DMRC's managing director, Vikas Kumar, at Metro Bhawan, PCMS will help in increasing the speed, accuracy, and accessibility of the complaints' management infrastructure.

"The software will generate data that will help DMRC to analyse the nature of complaints that are received and the level of satisfaction of the complainants. This top management of DMRC and the Public Complaints Officer will be able to monitor the status of the complaints on a real-time basis," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC. TNN



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# Mother Of Two At 17 Now A Crusader

## Married Off At 12, She Fights Domestic Violence

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**New Delhi:** Forcibly married off at the age of 12 and a mother of two by 17, Maya Devi, now 36 years old, has only one goal: to save daughters in the city from child marriage and to empower women to raise their voice against domestic violence. Devi runs an NGO called Naya Samaj that campaigns against child marriage and domestic violence.

A native of Bihar, Devi's first love was books. "My father had put me in an English medium govt school and I also performed well in class," she said. "But because we were six sisters, my relatives pushed my parents into taking me out of school and getting me married." In 1999, when Maya was 12 years old, she got married, her education terminated at Class IX. Soon she became pregnant. "But I had a miscarriage and my in-laws were disappointed and sent me back to my parents," she said.

Despite pleading with her parents to let her continue schooling, Devi had to return to her husband's house. "By the time I was 17 years old, I had two children, both daughters, because of which I had to suffer domestic violence," she said.

After her traumatic experiences, Maya said, "Jo jhukta hai, samaj usey aur jhukata hai" (The vulnerable are further oppressed by society). She decided to stand up for herself. "My in-laws told me that they would disown me if I went out to work but I did not care about them and looked for employment to be financially independent," she said.



Devi's NGO has stopped six child marriages in Delhi till now and also helped many women victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse



Devi, who lives near Shabad Dairy in northwest Delhi, made up her mind to approach an NGO office nearby. "I used to see a lot of women working there and wanted to enquire if they had any work for me," she said. The first challenge that came her way was knowing what a resume was. "People told me resumes were information about yourself. So I wrote something on a piece of paper and gave it to my employers. I still remember how, when the recruiters saw the page, they laughed and commented, 'This doesn't look like a resume but a love letter'."

But that decisive step took Devi's life on an upward trajectory. Since then, she has worked in different organisations, including the Setu Foundation and Saksham Foundation. "I had a vision of saving the girl child from marriage." That is how, with the help of some others, she registered Naya Samaj in 2020.

"There is a misconception that child marriages take place only in villages. They happen in big cities too, especially in slums," said Devi, whose NGO has averted six child marriages in Delhi till now and also helped many women victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Devi intends to expand her network. She remarked, "We will all die one day, but some of us will die after doing good work. I want to be that person. I want to reach more and more disadvantaged women in the slums of Delhi."

# Mini-police stations, major feats: Thanks to these cops, no running from pillar to post

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**New Delhi:** It is 7am and sub-inspector Neelam Sangotra is out on the road. She is driving around the lanes of GB Road on her pink scooter, occasionally hopping inside the brotels to check if everything is fine. Two of her colleagues, SI Savita and constable Munesh, are on the same drill.

Perched in front of multiple screens, SI Pooja Saini commands a network of two dozen CCTV cameras, navigating files, complaints and calls even as her colleagues patrol the upscale Khan Market area, keeping a hawk-eyed vigil. Members of the patrol team respond to distress calls, control traffic and check encroachment, if and when required.

On Wednesday, the police post intercepted a minor speeding from Lok Nayak Bhawan, seized the vehicle and solved two bike theft cases. "The minor confessed to joyriding and stealing motorcycles, then abandoning them after using up the petrol," Saini said.

These cops are part of the "all-women police posts" at Shradhanand Marg and Khan Market, recently inaugurated by LG V K Saxena. From handling roznamcha (diary) to attending calls, filing complaints and conducting raids—these cops are effortlessly carrying out their duties at their "mini-police stations".

The posts cover two ends of the spectrum—the one at Khan Market handles crimes in an upscale area, the one at GB Road deals mostly with sex workers and petty criminals, apart from securing small traders of the area.

Cops at both the police posts leave their homes as early as 6am to be present for the roll call by wireless, followed by instructions for duty

## KEEPING YOU SAFE, 24X7

Launched on February 18, "all-women police post" aims at empowerment in law enforcement. It has set up mini-police stations at Shradhanand Marg and Khan Market

Photos: Rajesh Mehta



### OBJECTIVE

- Enhancing surveillance and effectiveness of policing, equipped with advanced CCTVs
- Stations operate 24X7, ensuring round-the-clock foot, vehicle and civil patrolling, including picket checking



### KHAN MARKET POST

- Sub-Inspector Puja Saini appointed as the head, supported by nine women officers
- Patrolling line extends from Humayun Road to Khan Market post
- Surveillance mostly on restobars, local traders, tourists, diplomats, VIPs, tourists and RWAs



### SHRADHANAND MARG POST

- Sub-inspector Kiran Sethi appointed as the head, supported by 10 women officers
- Patrolling line stretches from Ajmeri Gate to Brother House 7
- Surveillance aimed at brothel houses, local traders, residents and wholesale sellers

"We are available 24X7. Nights are mostly spent patrolling, meeting families of complainants or following up on a case. In a short span, we have been able to create a local network of informers," SI Kiran Sethi

"We work in 12-hour shifts. This isn't just a job, it's a calling. From 8am till the market's lights dim at 1am, this is our domain. Crime doesn't have an area or face, we have to be vigilant at all times," SI Puja Saini

deployment. By the time they return to their post, people are waiting to report their problems. Despite long hours spent on calls, files and criminal tracking systems, SI Sangotra and her colleagues show no sign of fatigue.

"Our patrols are strategic, covering crucial hours when schoolchildren are out in the streets and when traffic peaks. At night, we further ramp it up. It's important for everyone to understand that even in

this area, there's reliable security in place," she said.

Anyone—be it children, traders or sex workers—can walk up to them and have "positive interactions". SI Kiran Sethi said the number of FIRs and distress calls have significantly dropped since the post was set up.

"These cops not only investigate harassment, domestic violence, stalking and sexual offences against women, but also provide them protec-

tion and raise awareness about various forms of abuse. Additionally, they educate young girls and women on staying safe," said M Harshvardhan, DCP (Central).

"Recently, we rescued a five-year-old girl and returned her to her family. In the past few weeks, we have also guided four women towards new career paths. We are trying to build a rapport and do positive policing," SI Sangotra said, adding they handle 10-15

# Snatching back right to public space: Bravehearts fight off street criminals

# Code word DigitALL: Her journey from curiosity to empowerment

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**New Delhi:** In a city notorious for snatch-and-grab incidents, a common refrain is to keep valuables tucked away in purses, bags and pockets. However, for 21-year-old Kanika Das and 24-year-old Sanjana Khwairakpam, who bravely chased and fought off snatchers, twisting their arms and gripping collars, fear is no longer an option.

"My phone was snatched two years ago and I remember feeling so helpless. But last Nov, there was another attempt. This time, I ensured the snatcher wouldn't be able to escape. How long can these criminals haunt our public spaces?" said Das.

During the second incident, Das swiftly grabbed the suspect's collar, ensuring his fall, and thrashed him before handing him over to the police.

Hailing from West Bengal, Das lives alone in Keshav Puram area and balances work at a retail shop with her pursuit of education.

"I have just finished my board exams and I'm looking for a good college now. I aim to learn proper self-defence. I work, I study. I cannot afford to be afraid in public and neither should anyone," she said with a smile.

Recalling another incident where she was on a bus and



witnessed snatching, Das said she immediately rallied the passengers, leading to the suspect being nabbed on the spot.

"I was surprised to see 70% of the bus passengers witnessing the snatch but staying silent!" Das said, adding, "We need citizen support—scream, shout, make noise." She urged peo-

ple, especially women, to break their silence and reclaim safe spaces.

Ever since the incidents, Das said she keeps an eye out: "I can do my bit as a citizen, but once you empower yourself in public spaces, you can

do anything." Last year, Khwairakpam, originally from Manipur, moved to Delhi for work. In Nov, when she had spent just two months in the city, two men on a bike snatched her phone in GTB Enclave. Khwairakpam didn't just scream; she chased down the suspects like a crime-fighting sprinter and unleashed a resounding slap on one of them.

"I didn't inform my parents to spare them worry. Instead, I ensured an FIR was filed and the criminals faced justice. I'm proud I helped catch a budding criminal who was also involved in other snatching cases," she said, adding, "Surprisingly, after the incident, I feel more empowered to walk the streets of Delhi."

Khwairakpam said her triumph was also a stance against criminals targeting women who "don't look like natives". The courage of a few seconds, one bold move, one scream can spark a ripple of change, according to both women.

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**New Delhi:** In the bustling slums of JJ Camp Tigri in northeast Delhi, 17-year-old Bhumika went from curiosity to empowerment through coding. "Hacking mein interest tha pehle. Then I understood that I had to learn coding for hacking," she recalled. But her govt school didn't have the resources nor could she afford a computer at home.

Bhumika was gratified to find that NGOs Child Rights and You and Go Girl were collaborating on offering HTML and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) workshops to underprivileged students. She went to the offline centre named Swati at JJ Camp Tigri and in a year had mastered how to develop websites and drop-down menus.

The daughter of a domestic worker and daily-wage labourer keeps studying technical things and drives her mother mad. "My mother asks me instead to do a beauty parlour course," laughs the teenager,



CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED: Tashu, Nisha and Bhumika

who has just finished school and wants to get a degree in computer science, as advised by her brother, who unlike others believes girls can become programmers.

Bhumika's story resonates with many girls in the area, girls like Tashu, who laments the lack of opportunities in their govt school. Organisations like Go Girl are stepping in to bridge the gap. Founded by Japrit Ahuja, Go Girl aims to empower underserved communities through technology education. "The purpose of Go Girl is to provide our girls with the skills required in today's digital age to break inter-generational poverty," said Ahuja.

Go Girl's mission is exemplified by Tejaswini

Chawla, 17, a Class XII student who not only learnt web development but also teaches it to others as a programme manager for the NGO. "I was privileged to learn web development and wanted to share my knowledge with other girls," she said.

Chawla said that one of the learners, Sangeeta, was given a scholarship by Go Girl for a bachelor's course in computer application. "Practical student projects include remaking the websites of renowned companies like Apple and Tesla websites. Our slides are also designed to be super engaging and fun," said Chawla.

The tutors hold 2-3 hours sessions two days a week, offering students practical skills and opportunities for

advancement in computer work. They have come up with innovative gamifying teaching tactics to make coding learning fun. For example, students play Froggy Froggy, a game in which one helps Froggy and friends by writing CSS codes.

Ahuja's own journey as a scholarship recipient in Singapore to a computer science graduate in Canada drives her commitment to closing the digital divide in India. "As a woman in technology, it's disheartening to witness the stark digital divide in India," the Go Girl founder said. She noted that basic resources for teaching tech skills, particularly in govt schools, were often inadequate. "The teachers lack knowledge and interest. Computer labs are non-existent or there are just 2-3 functioning machines among the 15-20 computers on display. Our school curriculum is outdated and not technology centric, which is the need of the hour," said Ahuja.

In an era dominated by technology and with the emergence of AI, Ahuja says access to skills in these fields is crucial if the playing field is to be levelled. She says it's about more than just learning to code, it's about equipping children for a world where digital literacy is synonymous with opportunity.

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# Sports a way out of life's trials for them

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**Noida:** Sports can be much more than an expression of athletic ability. For Shivani, it's a way to be strong.

"I want to be strong. So strong that no man dares to hit me or my children again," says the 23-year-old, who escaped from her abusive husband and in-laws in Haryana last year and rebuilt her life from scratch in the city.

Shivani was just three when she lost her father. Her mother, who wanted Shivani to join the police and take care of the two of them, got married again two years later. Not accepted by her stepfather's family, Shivani was sent to Noida to live with her aunt.

She was 15 when doctors diagnosed her with reproductive problems and told her family she should get married early to avoid complications. "I wasn't ready for it, but I was forced to get married," says Shivani.

Soon, the abuse began. "My husband used to abuse me daily. One day, he came home drunk and attacked me and my children. That was the moment I decided if I don't escape, we may not survive," she says.

Fear of harm to her four-year-old son and two-year-old daughter gave Shivani the strength to leave her in-laws' house in Rewari and return to Noida, this time in search of a job. She worked as a domestic helper for some time. One day, she came across members of the non-profit, Social & Development Research and Action Group (SADRAG).

"All Shivani needed was an opportunity to work and earn for herself and her children. We catered to this need. We gave her exposure, and she is a changed woman today. With sports as a career, we intend to get her into police services and learn more about self-defence," says Mala Bhandari, founder of SADRAG.



# Court Summons Kejriwal On March 16 After ED Plea

## CM Sending 'Frivolous' Replies To Summonses, Claims Agency

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New Delhi: A court on Thursday issued summons to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on a fresh plea by Enforcement Directorate (ED), stating that he was "legally bound to comply with the summons" in a money laundering case but "allegedly he failed to do so". Kejriwal has been asked to appear before the court on March 16.

Divya Malhotra, additional chief metropolitan magistrate at Rouse Avenue Courts, summoned Kejriwal for the offence under Section 174 (non-attendance in obedience to an order from a public servant) of Indian Penal Code. "From the contents of the complaint and the material placed on record, prima facie offence under Section 174... is made out and there are suffi-

**In its latest plea, ED accused Kejriwal of sending 'frivolous' replies by raising certain objections to the summonses. He also deliberately made one or the other excuse for non-appearance to evade the processes, ED alleged, adding that CM had been avoiding the investigation since Nov 11, 2023**

cient grounds for proceeding under Section 204 of Code of Criminal Procedure against accused Arvind Kejriwal," the court said.

Kejriwal has skipped eight summonses issued by ED in the case related to the alleged Delhi Excise Policy scam. ED moved court on March 5 over non-compliance of three summonses on Jan 12 and 31 and Feb 14.

The non-compliance of each of these summonses was termed as a separate offence and clubbed together as per Section 219 of CrPC, the court noted. ED has alleged

AAP's national convener is not complying with its summonses in the Delhi excise policy case. Earlier, too, the central agency had filed a petition on the same issue.

In its latest plea, ED accused Kejriwal of sending "frivolous" replies by raising certain objections to the summonses. He also deliberately made one or the other excuse for non-appearance to evade the processes, ED alleged, adding that CM had been avoiding the investigation since Nov 11, 2023, the first date on which he was asked to appear for questioning.

Kejriwal has termed the summonses issued to him either as "unsustainable in law" for their failure to disclose the capacity in which he was being called—as a witness or as a suspect—or to be suffering from "legal deficiencies", the agency pointed out. Under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, ED submitted, an investigating officer is not required to disclose the capacity under which a person is being summoned, and at the stage of investigation, it would also be premature on the part of the agency to label the summoned person either as a witness or as an accused.

"In any case, it is the investigating officer who has to carry out the interrogation and not the other way round, which the proposed accused seems to be doing by sending replies and raising queries," the court noted.

## Welding & robotics lab inaugurated at Mayur Vihar ITI

New Delhi: Education minister Atishi on Thursday inaugurated an advanced welding technology and robotics lab at HJ Bhabha Industrial Training Institute at Delhi's Mayur Vihar Phase-I.

"The world-class equipment and facilities provided in this welding and robotics lab will open the door to many new opportunities for students studying here. I don't think that the facilities provided to the students here in this lab can be seen anywhere in private colleges. In this new lab, our students will get an opportunity to try their hands on the equipment which are being used in the industries at present," she said.

The minister added that the institute's students know that their education process was slightly different and was not limited to only books. ITI students need the best equipment in their labs to become skilled, job-ready, market-ready, and industry-ready.

Atishi also met ambassadors of ITIs, who have been appointed to promote skill-ling and make it aspirational amongst school students. The

# Ankit's mother calls for capital punishment for one of accused

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New Delhi: A city court, while handing out life terms to three convicts in the murder of Ankit Saxena, said for pronouncing the death sentence, the crime must fall in the "highest category of rareness", which the present case did not.

The court was hearing the case against Akbar Ali and Shahnaz Begum, parents of Shehzadi, and her maternal uncle Mohammad Salim. Shehzadi was in a relationship with photographer Ankit Saxena, which her family had vehemently opposed.

Special public prosecutors, senior advocate Rebecca Mammen John and Vishal Gosain appeared for Delhi Police.

"The court is not justified in imposing an extreme penalty even if it finds a particular case falling in the category of a rare case. The court has to see whether the case qualifies for the category of an extreme form of rarity. In simple words, for imposing death punishment, a case must fall in the highest category of rareness," the court observed in its 13-page order.

It pointed out that when the crime was committed in 2018, Salim was 43 years old, while Ali and Begum were 40, and the three have been in jail for around six years.

"They had clean antecedents, having no previous involvement (in crime). Further, no history of any criminal inclination, drug abuse or any other addiction has been brought on record. Before being arrested in this case, the convicts were living with their families and were well-rooted in society," the court observed, imposing the penalty of rigorous life imprisonment.

It said that along with the magnitude, manner and the purpose of crime, the court had to consider other important factors, including antecedents, age, period of detention and social background of all the convicts.

"Hence, considering the mitigating and aggravating circumstances... this court is of the opinion that it is not a fit case for imposition of death penalty," the judge said. Imposing a fine of Rs 50,000 on each convict, the court directed that the fine amount be paid to Saxena's mother.

## Minors who fled detention centre killed 'bookie'

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Jaipur: Two minors who had fled a Jaipur detention centre last month allegedly participated in the recent assassination of a suspected Haryana bookie plotted by Rohit Godara, an aide of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi.

Jaipur police said the two 17-year-olds were detained Wednesday from near the Nepal border in Bihar and were now in Haryana Police custody. Sachin Munjal (36) was killed in Haryana's Rohtak on Feb 29, over a fortnight after the two fled the Jaipur centre where they had been held over alleged petty crimes.

Police said the two met a member of the Bishnoi-Godara gang involved in firing at a hotel in 2022. Godara, a Rajasthan native, is believed to have escaped abroad on a forged passport.

DCP Jaipur (West) Amit Kumar said the two juveniles were part of a three-member squad responsible for the fatal shooting of Sachin, also known as Goda, near an eatery.

One of the minors drove the car to the murder spot, while the second was armed and carried out the shooting alongside the third suspect. Kumar said the minors would be brought to Jaipur later once Haryana Police's murder probe moves ahead.

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Begum was additionally sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs 1,000 fine under count of voluntarily causing hurt, the court said.

On December 23 last year, the court had convicted the trio who had stabbed Saxena to death in broad daylight in west Delhi's Khyala area, for being in a relationship with Shehzadi for three years. They had opposed the relationship because the two came from different faiths.

Reacting to the order, Saxena's mother, Kamlesh Saxena, said she wanted capital punishment for one of the accused who had killed his son. "I lost everything: my husband, my son; I am alone. They should suffer the same pain which I have been suffering," she said.

Saxena's cousin Ashish Duggal said that although it took time, they are satisfied with the decision. "It was a long fight during which Saxena's father, Yashpal Saxena, died. His mother continued the battle, and finally, justice has been served. We would have been happier if the judgment had come while his father was alive," he said.

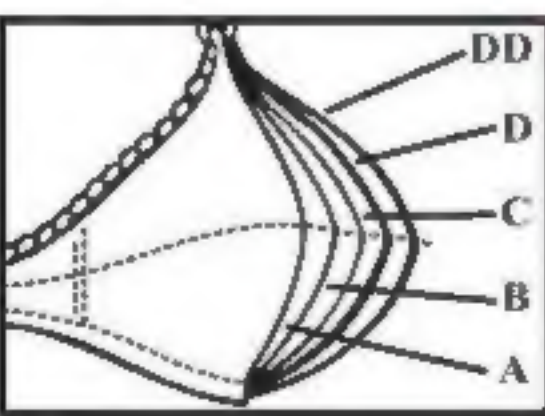
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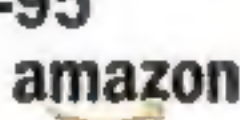
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## Groom stabbed to death night before wedding, dad held

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**New Delhi:** On Wednesday evening, the Singhal residence in south Delhi's Devli Extension was adorned with decorations and buzzing with the celebratory energy of people laughing and dancing to music. Relatives and friends had gathered for Gaurav Singhal's wedding, which was going to take place the following day.

The merriment was soon shattered as the 29-year-old groom was nowhere to be found. Around midnight, after a few hours of a frantic search, the joyous occasion turned into a nightmare as the groom was found brutally murdered, stabbed over a dozen times, at his other residence. Police later arrested his father Ranglal Singhal from Jaipur. He claimed his son was "disrespectful".

Gaurav, the owner of a gym, lived with his family near Raju Park in Devli Extension. DCP (south) Ankit Chauhan said they received a PCR call about the incident at 12.30am Thursday.

"Gaurav was attacked with a sharp weapon and taken by his family members to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead," he said.

Deepak, one of his relatives, said Gaurav's pre-wedding rituals were going on. "We were dancing at the party when we suddenly realised that he was missing. We started searching for him in nearby areas," said Deepak.

During the search, they went to Gaurav's other house,

an uninhabited place located near his main residence, and opened the gate. There, they found him lying in a pool of blood.

"Blood was oozing out of his body and there were multiple injuries. After the incident, we found that his father was missing," he said.

According to police, there were marks of dragging on the floor, leading to the flat where Gaurav's body was discovered. Blood was found in one of the spots. "It is suspected the accused dragged him to a room and locked it from outside after the attack," a police source said.

Another relative said Gaurav had become engaged on March 3 and his wedding procession was scheduled to move to Kakrola. A DJ had been playing music at his house and the atmosphere on the day of the party was lively and joyous.

"The search for Gaurav began between 9pm and 10pm. The lights in the other building, where his body was found, had been switched off. It was a newly-built, vacant building where no one lived," the relative said.

A senior officer said Gaurav may have been stabbed by a scissor. During investigation, police conducted raids in several places and nabbed his father Ranglal from Jaipur.

"He told us that he and his son were estranged and that he used to disrespect him in front of people. At least three-four people are suspected to be involved," the officer said, adding Ranglal's testimony will be verified.

## Interstate gang busted, police solve ₹50 lakh robbery case

**New Delhi:** With the arrest of five people, an interstate gang behind the ₹50 lakh robbery in North Delhi's Civil Lines area has been busted, police said on Thursday.

The suspects Monika (29), Rahul (27), Karan (21), Ajay (25) and Gaurav were nabbed in connection with Feb 9 robbery near the loop of ISBT flyover, a senior police officer said.

Police received information about the robbery incident at 9.30pm. "The victim, a Khajuri Khas resident, complained of being robbed of a bag containing ₹50 lakh while returning home on his scooter from Chandni Chowk. Two assailants on a motorcycle intercepted him near the Monastery Market," said Manoj Meena, DCP (north).

During investigation, two suspects were identified, and raids were conducted leading to their arrest in Shahbad Dairy, the DCP said.

"Gaurav and Rahul, who were involved in similar crimes earlier, collaborated with Monika, Amit and Ajay who facilitated the execution of the heist. All the accused were present in Chandni Chowk at the time of the robbery, with Gaurav providing information about the victim's whereabouts to Amit and Ajay who carried out the offence," the DCP said. Following the crime, the accused fled towards Ghaziabad and disposed of the motorcycle.

Interrogations revealed the suspects' evasive tactics, such as the use of an app and virtual numbers to conceal their locations and IP addresses. Raids spanning five states were conducted, leading to the arrest of Ajay, Karan and Amit, added Meena. TNN

# NCLAT Allows Suraksha Group To Start Work At Jaypee Wish Town

### Tells Suraksha, Yamuna E-Way Authority To Settle Differences By Next Hearing

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**Noida:** The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has allowed Suraksha Group to start construction at Jaypee Wish Town, where more than 20,000 homebuyers have been waiting for their flats for more than a decade.

The tribunal also directed Suraksha and the Yamuna Expressway Authority (YXPA) to settle their differences and reach consensus by the next date of hearing, failing which, it said, it will pass an order on the merit of the case.

The judgment indicates that the long corporate insolvency resolution process for Jaypee Infratech Ltd, which began in 2017, will soon reach a conclusion, allowing homebuyers and Suraksha to focus on completion timelines.

Suraksha — which took over the stalled projects of JIL in March last year after a vote in favour of it by the committee of creditors — has prepared a resolution plan to start construction at Wish Town. It has laid down a few conditions, a decision on which is yet to be taken by UP govt. In the absence of this consensus, no construction has taken place despite the takeover.

"Even if by the next date, no settlement is brought on record, Appeal shall proceed to be heard on merit. We also make it clear that it shall be open for the successful resolution applicant (Suraksha) to proceed and continue to implement the plan and the construction," read Tuesday's order by Justice Ashok Bhushan.



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the NCLAT chairperson, and members Barun Mitra and Arun Baroka. The next hearing is scheduled for April 18.

YXPA representatives said govt would soon be ready with a cabinet note on terms of Suraksha's resolution plan.

When the homebuyers' counsel pointed out that no work had been initiated on the ground though there was no order against it, the tribunal gave the green signal. It also asked the implementation and monitoring committee — comprising the insolvency resolution professional (IRP), Suraksha managing director and representatives of buyers and lenders — to file in two

weeks a status report.

In March last year, the National Company Law Tribunal had allowed Suraksha to take over JIL's stalled projects. But YXPA, which has administrative control over the land, challenged the order at the appellate tribunal. In July 2023, Suraksha placed some key conditions before YXPA. A couple of months later, the YXPA board accepted the conditions after Suraksha agreed to pay the additional compensation to the farmers, but in phases. The company also came up with a revised resolution plan, which was forwarded to UP govt. A decision on this is awaited.

## Ration card is for essential items, not address proof: HC 'Mere acquittal in cruelty case no ground for divorce'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A ration card cannot be considered the proof of address as it is issued exclusively for obtaining essential commodities under the public distribution system, Delhi High Court has said.

The bench of Justice Chandra Dhari Singh was giving an order on some petitions by erstwhile residents of Kathputli Colony who were seeking alternative accommodation under the rehabilitation scheme following the redevelopment of the area.

The court held that the requirement of a ration card as a mandatory document to claim benefit under the scheme was arbitrary and illegal. "As per the definition of the ration card, the intent of issuing the same is that it aims to distribute the essential food items by way of the fair price shops. Therefore, it does not amount to becoming an identity proof of residence for any ration card holder," the court said.

It pointed out that the "aim of the ration card is to ensure that the citizens of this country are provided foodgrains at a reasonable price. Hence, it is not a reliable source of proof of address since the scope

is limited to distribution of food items by way of the public distribution system", while blaming authorities for insisting on ration cards for address proof.

The petitioners contended that authorities breached their trust and played fraud on Kathputli Colony slumdwellers by suddenly changing the eligibility criteria in 2015 after the demolition of the entire colony as they wrongly mandated the requirement of a separate ration card for the first-floor dwellers of the slum.

Remarking that authorities should have "introspected" into the intent and motive behind the issuance of the ration cards as well as the harassment and pain caused to the petitioners, the court stated: "The requirement of a ration card as a mandatory document to be produced... as a proof to claim that first floor of the jhuggi as a separate dwelling unit is arbitrary and illegal."

The court directed authorities to allocate an alternative dwelling unit in favour of the petitioners, subject to the condition that they produce other relevant documents according to the Delhi Slum & JJ Rehabilitation and Relocation Policy, 2015, and meet necessary requirements.

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**New Delhi:** Delhi High Court has refused to grant divorce to a man who cited his acquittal in a criminal case of cruelty filed by the estranged wife.

The court said the mere acquittal of a person in such a case cannot be a ground to allow divorce and dismissed his plea claiming that his wife committed cruelty on him.

"We, in the light of the blatant conduct of the appellant (husband) in showing scant regard to his matrimonial relationship, are compelled to observe that despite it being a failed marriage of over 40 years, granting divorce would be adding a premium to the wrong acts of the appellant," the bench of justices Suresh Kumar Kait and Neena Bansal Krishna said.

It underlined that the man's acquittal in a criminal case in a trial court does not wash away the cruelty committed by him of being involved with another woman during the subsistence of his marriage with his estranged wife whom he married in 1982.

The court said such relations "eventually become a ticking time bomb, where feelings of anguish, despair, rejection and disappointment get trapped and post-explosion, the shrapnel of these suppressed feelings cause injury to everyone involved, whether directly or indirectly." It dismissed the man's appeal against denial of divorce.

HIGH COURT BENCH SAYS

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The couple have two children and started living separately in 1994. The husband claimed that his wife was disrespectful and had refused to take care of him and even assaulted him physically. He alleged that his wife's conduct had shattered his peace of mind and he was compelled to do all the household work, including taking care of the children, and sought divorce citing cruelty.

However, the woman alleged that her husband was involved in an illicit relationship with a much younger woman and when she came to know about it in 1993, differences cropped up between them.

The woman filed an FIR against her husband and his family under IPC Sections 498A (cruelty) and 406 (criminal breach of trust). The man's family was discharged in the case at the stage of framing of charges. He was acquitted in 2013.

## 2020 NE riots: Court discharges 11 accused

**New Delhi:** A Delhi court has discharged 11 accused in the northeast Delhi riots case, saying there was no grave suspicion of them having committed the alleged offences. Additional sessions judge Pulastya Pramachala was hearing the case against the 11 men, who were accused of being a part of a mob that indulged in rioting, stone pelting, vandalism and arson at Sherpur Chowk in Dayalpur on Feb 23, 2020. Nine other complaints were also clubbed with the case. In an order dated March 4, the court said a general piece of evidence was not sufficient to charge an accused for a particular incident. PTI



LG VK Saxena on Thursday posted on X photographs of TD 1 Shahdara drain, which has been cleaned in the last few months. Saxena stated that when he visited the drain in Oct last year, it was a carrier of plastic and waste and had been polluting the Yamuna

## MCD nod for construction of 3 multi-level car parking lots ₹4.8 crore allocated for infrastructure upgrade at Ambedkar Stadium

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**We carried out a survey of our surface parking lots at Rani Bagh and Shastri Park recently. Once the multi-level facilities are developed at these sites, the parking space will increase by three-four times**

**New Delhi:** Aiming to provide sufficient parking space in busy market areas and stop roadside parking, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday gave administrative approval to three major multi-level projects at Shastri Park, Rajendra Nagar and Rani Bagh at its House meeting.

While the Shastri Park project will be able to accommodate 935 cars, the facilities at Rajendra Nagar and Rani Bagh will have the space for 700 each. A long-standing demand of north Delhi traders, the projects will be funded under the escrow account head for the development of parking area, said officials. The Shastri Park parking will cost Rs 118.8 crore, Rajendra Nagar Rs 96.8 crore and Rani Bagh Rs 96.8 crore.

MCD will now start the process for inviting tender. However, a proposal will be placed before the House for the finalisation of the rate and the agency after the Lok Sabha election.

"We carried out a survey of our surface parking lots at Rani Bagh and Shastri Park recently. Once the multi-level facilities are developed at these sites, the parking space will increase by three-four times," said mayor Shelly Oberoi. Currently, 227 cars can be parked at Rani Bagh (Sant Nagar) surface parking and 230 at Shastri Park, both too less to meet the demand. There is also an issue of illegal parking on roadsides in all three areas, said officials.

However, this is not the first time projects have been taken up to develop parking lots at these locations. They were first planned eight years ago by the erstwhile North Delhi Municipal Corporation and the civic body had also shared their details in its budget for three consecutive years. It had also invited tender to develop the Rani Bagh and Shastri Park multi-level parking lots on the public-private partnership (PPP) basis, but none of them could finally be implemented for various reasons.

"In 2021 again, we called tender for constructing a parking lot on the PPP basis at Shastri Park. But despite calling tender many times, there was no response. Now we have decided to implement the project from the escrow account funds meant for development of parking space. The Shastri Park parking will have a five-storey structure," said a civic official.

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**New Delhi:** Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has decided to upgrade the infrastructure at Ambedkar Stadium in central Delhi at a cost of Rs 4.8 crore.

The work will include revamping the cafeteria, green rooms, facade, stands and the media centre. "With the revamp, children engaged in sports activities will be encouraged in the future. Our schools' students will get better training and the municipal corporation will be able to organise sessions for them regularly," said mayor Shelly Oberoi. The project is to be completed in six months after the contract is awarded.

The stadium, which can tentatively accommodate 35,000 spectators, had hosted major national football tournaments such as Durand Cup, Subroto Cup and Nehru Cup. It was last renovated before the Commonwealth Games in 2010 when its facade was improved. The plaster of the building has been damaged at many places at the entrance and even inside the complex, calling for immediate repair. Meanwhile, MCD's House

meeting on Thursday ended within 20 minutes without any discussion on the agenda. Oberoi said later that out of the 29 proposals, 21 were approved in the meeting. "We aim to accomplish all the work that BJP could not achieve during its 15-year tenure," she said.

The mayor said MCD under AAP had also made special provisions in the budget for sanitation and construction of roads. "But BJP councillors, despite being the elected representative of the public, are doing nothing," she alleged.

The leader of the House, Mukesh Goyal, said even after a year, BJP refused to allow the House meeting to proceed and created ruckus every time.

Leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh alleged that the mayor was intentionally coming late in every session. "The House meeting was scheduled to start at 2pm, but she arrived at 2.45pm, indicating that they themselves didn't want to run the session. They knew if they arrived late, the councillors would question them and there would be chaos. They also don't pay heed to our demands," the BJP councillor claimed.

## Safety first: Irani announces grant from Nirbhaya Fund for women's hostels in DU

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**New Delhi:** Interacting with around 5,000 girl students of Delhi University on the eve of International Women's Day, Union minister for women and child development Smriti Irani acceded to their demand and assured a grant from Nirbhaya Fund for women's hostels in DU.

Irani, who emphasised on "Viksit Bharat, empowered women", was attending a DU event, Viksit Bharat — Nari Shakti Conclave, in the university's Multipurpose Hall on Thursday. DU had asked its colleges to mandatorily register their women faculty members on the Narendra Modi (NaMo) app for the event. Some colleges even asked their students to register on the app.

The deputy registrar (colleges) stated in an email on Tuesday, "The principals/di-



Union minister Smriti Irani addresses Nari Shakti Conclave at DU

rectors of the colleges/institutions must mandatorily register all the female faculty of their college/institution on the NaMo app."

Many colleges such as Kirti Mal, Kalindi College and Bhagini Nivedita had asked students to register on the app. Kalindi College principal Meena Chandra said, "The registration was only for the university to make arrange-

ments for the event. It was not compulsory for students to attend the event."

In an open letter on Thursday, the students' union of St Stephens College alleged, "Endorsing the event and using official machinery to incentivise students must be seen as a deliberate move aimed at influencing newly eligible voters."

Some teachers described the event as an overt "election

campaign" and mandatory registration as coercion. "It is a clear violation of the right to privacy as anyone interested in attending the event was not allowed to do so anonymously," a student alleged.

A poster at Kalindi College stated the registration on the app was mandatory and only the students registering on it would get "merchandise, refreshments and certificates".

DU registrar Vikas Gupta, however, claimed the attendance was voluntary. "As far as students' registration on the app is concerned, everybody got refreshments regardless of their registration. Besides, NaMo is an important app as Prime Minister Modi is open to ideas from students, and through the app, they can indirectly connect with him," Gupta said. The NaMo app keeps people updated about the initiatives and achievements of current central govt.

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# Double Engine Government making it easier for women

Uttar Pradesh's 'Mission Shakti' is reshaping the narrative of strength by empowering women across the state. Through initiatives aimed at education, skill development, and economic opportunities, women are emerging as leaders, not just within their communities, but on a global scale



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- Yogi Adityanath,  
Chief Minister



When women prosper, the world prospers. Economic empowerment of women accelerates development. Their access to education drives global progress. Women leadership promotes inclusivity and their voices inspire positive change.

- Narendra Modi  
Prime Minister

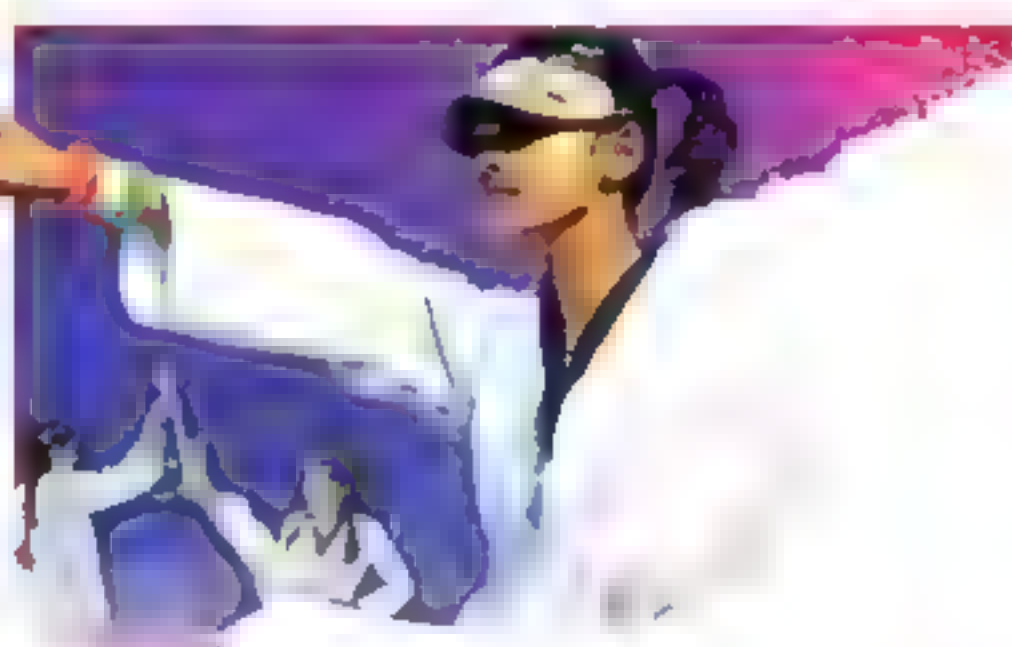
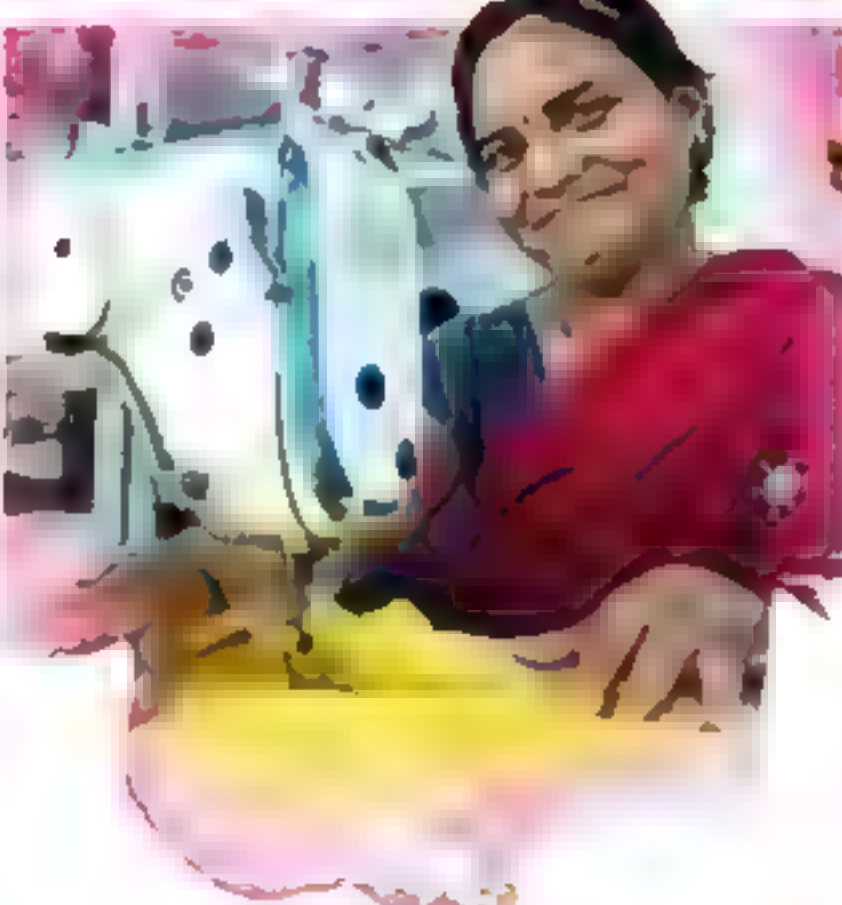
- Establishment of one-stop centers in all 75 districts, any woman can seek help 24x7 in adverse situations by dialing women's toll-free helpline 181. 5.62 lakh women got help from the same.
- The accused were punished in 19,415 cases of crimes against women and minors.
- Under the Women's Night Escort Security Scheme in case of a call for help from 10 pm to 6 am UP 112 makes arrangements to escort the woman to her destination safely.
- More than 9 crore people were made aware under Mission Shakti.
- Formation of 10,417 women beats in 1,584 police stations, appointment of 20,740 women beat policemen/officers.
- 99.55 per cent of the complaints resolved through 1090 women helpline.
- Formation of women PAC battalions in Badaun, Lucknow and Gorakhpur.
- UP is moving towards becoming the first state in the country to have 18 safe cities including 17 municipal corporations and Gauri Buddha Nagar under the Safe City Project.
- Upgradation of 75 Anti Human Trafficking Units as Police Stations.
- Enrollment of more than 1.92 crore students in School Chauri Abhiyan. Transfer of an amount of Rs 1200 per student to all students for bags, dresses, sweaters, shoes, socks and stationery.
- Tablets/Smartphones distributed to 16 lakh talented students.
- Identification of more than 5.5 lakh out-of-school students and enrollment in schools, monitoring through Sharda portal and app.
- Electricity to 1.58 crore houses under Power for All scheme.
- Clean drinking water reached 1.86 crore houses under Har Ghar Nai Yojana.
- 1.90 crore daughters made aware under Bet Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.
- Construction of 77 girls' hostel buildings.
- 648 Kasturba Gandhi Girls School upgraded up to class XII.
- Emphasis on girls' education and self-defense under Rani Lakshmi Bai self-defense training scheme in 44,000 upper primary schools.
- Training to 11,000 sports instructors, physical trainers and sports teachers by experts.
- Gender sensitivity program for empowerment of girls.
- Employment to 1 crore women through 10 lakh self-help groups.



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- Construction of 59,265 community toilets in urban areas.
- 58,758 women got jobs as sweepers in community toilets.
- Construction of 8.99 lakh individual household toilets.
- National Award for construction of most community toilets given to Prayagraj, Fatehpur and Haridwar.
- Under the state project, sanitary napkin incinerator machines in government schools, sale of sanitary pads at the rate of Rs 1 per pad from more than 10,000 Jan Aushadhi Kendras.
- The work of installation of sanitary napkin ATM machines started in roadways and railway stations as well as in schools and colleges.
- 80,000 youth and women Mangal Dal formed at Gram Panchayat level. More than 100 stadiums in rural areas dedicated to youth and women's Mangal Dals.
- Rani Lakshmi Bai Award to women players for excellent performance in sports.
- Asian Games 2023 gold medal winners Annu Rani and Parul Choudhary got cash prizes and appointment as Deputy Superintendent of Police.
- Medical insurance of players registered under Ayushman Yojana.
- Selection of disaster fellows in Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority. Training to more than 1500 women of self-help groups in 5 divisions including Jhansi, Varanasi, Basti, Saharanpur and Ayodhya for women awareness.



- More than 2 lakh women benefited from PM SVANidhi scheme.
- Under UP Bhagyalakshmi Yojana, a bond of Rs 50,000 to a girl born in a BPL family, financial assistance based on educational qualification for good education.

- More than 25 IEC campaigns have been launched so far, UP is leading in increasing awareness about cleanliness.

- Construction of 2.5 crore izzat ghar in Uttar Pradesh.
- Construction of 4,500 pink toilets in urban bodies, construction of 4,450 pink toilets in rural areas.
- Deploying 15,000 women sanitation workers for community toilets and other rural level cleanliness in rural areas.



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## MCD orders release of ₹15 crore per month for payment of arrears to pensioners

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has ordered to release Rs 15 crore every month for payment of pending arrears of pensioners.

"Competent authority as per order dated Feb 29 is pleased to allow the release of Rs 15 crore every month on account of 7th Central Pay Commission arrear of pensioners. This is in accordance with

the Delhi High Court judgment in the matter Nagar Nigam Sewa Nivriti Karachari Kalyan Samiti and others Vs commissioner, MCD. The first amount of Rs 15 crore will be considered as first instalment of arrear for pensioners," stated the March 6 order.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi stated that the civic body was making all efforts to streamline the payment of salaries. AAP ruled MCD has made a budgetary provision for the payment of salaries to its employees in 2024-25, she added.

Meanwhile, leader of opposition Raja Iqbal Singh said that under the AAP rule, MCD has been unsuccessful in getting any grants, generating additional revenue etc to improve its financial crunch.

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Air Traffic Controller (ATC)	08	Men and Women
Logistics	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Naval Armament Inspectorate Cadre (NAIC)	10	Men and Women
Education	18	Men and Women
Engineering (General Service)	30	Men and Women (maximum of 09 vacancies for women)
Electrical (General Service)	30	Men and Women (maximum of 15 vacancies for women)
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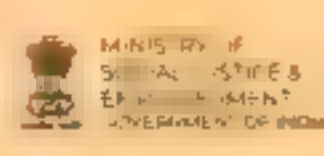
Sl. No.	Notification No. and Date	District	Sub-Division	Block/ Municipality/ Municipal Corporation	GP/ Ward No.	Location of vacancy
1	932/SCF(M)/2023 Date: 19.09.2023	Maldah	Maldah Sadar	Old Maldah (M)	11	Mouza Samundar, Sarada Colony, Sarada Colony Radha Gobinda Mandir
2	132/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date: 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Phansidewa	Chhatat Bangsagan	Mouza: Purva Bangsagan, Bandarjhu, Munkhawa Jame Masjid
3	133/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date: 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.07, 08, 09	Mouza: Siliguri Madhya Paschim, M.R Road, Khalpara, Near Shankar Stores More
4	134/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date: 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No.-16	Mouza: Siliguri Purbo, Haren Mukherjee Road, Hakimpura, Near G.T.S Club
5	135/SCFS/SLG/2024, Date: 12.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 01, 02, 03	Mouza: Ghokma, Pradhan Naga, Near Hotel Heritage
6	202/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Champasari	Mouza: Karabari, Near Karabari Jote Primary School
7	203/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Patharghata	Mouza: BaraGhana, Near Baraghar Law College
8	204/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza: Mathapan, Parimal Nagar Sporting Club
9	205/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Matigara	Matigara-II	Mouza: Tomba, Kholai Bhaktari S.S.K
10	206/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 004	Mouza: Mandlaguri, Near Tea Auction Office (Endeavour Global)
11	207/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 004	Mouza: Siliguri Madhya Paschim, Adarsha Nagar Colony, Near Adarsha Nagar Sporting Club
12	208/SCFS/SLG/2023 Date: 22.02.2024	Darjeeling	Siliguri	Siliguri (M.Corp)	Ward No. 009	Mouza: Siliguri Madhya Paschim, Near Arogya Niketan Nursing Home, Khalpara

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Director of DDP&S,  
Food & Supplies,  
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10.03.2024	Kashipur Hindu Dharamshala Ground, Sangod, District Kota	
11.03.2024	Krishni Upaj Mandi, Keshavnagar Patan, District Bundi	10.00 AM
	Purani Krishni Upaj Mandi, Bundi	12.00 PM

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T.S.	Particulars	Tender Value (Approx.) (in Cr.)	Last Date of Submission of bid	Due Date of online bid opening
KGN002	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous works in the O&M Circle, Khargone. MPPKVCL, Khargone	58.38	28.03.2024 up to 15.00 hrs.	01.04.2024 at 15.00 hrs.

Note : Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 18 March on 12 noon at CE's Office, P.O. Ground, Indore.  
For further information visit our Web-site <https://www.mpsw.co.in> or <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>  
M.P. Madhyam:114191/2024

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE**

EE, PWD, Darjeeling Electrical Division invites a tender for the work of "Arrangement of temporary electrical installation works at Tarak Nath Sengupta Baika Vidyalaya Kharbari under Kharbari PS in the District of Darjeeling for accommodation of CAPF Coy in connection with Parliamentary Election, 2024 for 90 days.

Estimated amount: Item Rate

Tender ID: 2024\_WB/PWD\_579756\_1

Bid Submission start date (Online): 05.03.2024 at 09:00 AM

Bid Submission closing date (Online): 09.03.2024 at 12:00 PM

Corrigendum if any will be published in website only

Details of NT and Tender documents may be downloaded from [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in)

Sd/- K. Sahu  
Executive Engineer, PWD  
Darjeeling Electrical Division  
ICA: 1628(9/2) 2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

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MT No. PD/PMU/BS/132/2023-24, DATE: 05.03.2024

e-Quotations are invited by the Project Director, Suful Bangla Project Management Unit, Kolkata for NIT No. PD/PMU/BS/132/2023-24. Date: 05.03.2024 for supply of 1.05.000 (One Lakh Five Thousand) puffed rice (M/JR) packaging material (food grade) of 50kg as per specifications and pricing of Suful Bangla logo on the matter at for Suful Bangla to be supplied at Singu Tapashy Matikrishna Bazar, Hooghly. Bid Submission closing date and time: 18.03.2024 at 02.00 p.m. The details information regarding e-NT is available on the <https://wbtenders.gov.in>.  
Sd/- Project Director, Suful Bangla. ICA: T8183(2)/2024

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Sd/-  
Excise Commissioner, WB

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**West Bengal Police Recruitment Board**  
Araksha Bhawan (5<sup>th</sup> floor), 6<sup>th</sup> Cross Road, Block-DJ Sector - II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700 091

**FINAL RESULT FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE POST OF LADY CONSTABLES IN WEST BENGAL FOR RCTE - 2023**  
Advertisement No. 09/2024/WBPRB

The final result in connection with recruitment to the post of Lady Constables in West Bengal Police - 2023 has been announced and uploaded on the websites of West Bengal Police Recruitment Board (<https://prb.wb.gov.in>) and West Bengal Police ([www.wbpolice.gov.in](http://www.wbpolice.gov.in)). Candidates may also search their result by keying in their Application Sl. No. and Date of Birth. The list of provisionally selected candidates is also available on the Notice Board of the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board, Araksha Bhawan (Ground Floor), 6<sup>th</sup> Cross Road, Block - DJ, Sector - II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata - 700091

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No. SE/DC/O&M/DWS/NT-02/1446 Dewas, Dated: 07.03.2024

**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**

Online tender is invited for services as per tender specification given below:-

T.S.	Particulars	Tender value (Approx.) (in Cr.)	Last Date of online submission of bid	Due Date of online bid opening
01	Outsourcing of Manpower Required for Miscellaneous Works in the O&M Circle, Dewas of MPPKVCL, Dewas.	61.56	28.03.2024 up to 15.00 hrs.	01.04.2024 at 15.00 hrs.

Note : Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Meeting Hall, Jyoti Nagar Campus MPPKVCL, Ujjain on 18.03.2024 from 03.00 PM onwards.  
For further information visit our website <http://www.mpsw.co.in> or portal <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>  
M.P. Madhyam:114198/2024

**B.E. (O&M)**

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE**

EE, PWD, Darjeeling Electrical Division invites a tender for the work of "Arrangement of temporary electrical installation works at Eng. Sh. Medium Mode Madrasa, Panjipara under Gopalpur PS in the District of Jharkhand for accommodation of CAPF Coy in connection with Parliamentary Election, 2024 for 75 days.

Estimated amount: Item Rate

Tender ID: 2024\_WB/PWD\_579756\_1

Bid Submission start date (Online): 05.03.2024 at 09:00 AM

Bid Submission closing date (Online): 09.03.2024 at 12:00 PM

Corrigendum if any will be published in website only

Details of NT and Tender documents may be downloaded from [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in)

Sd/- K. Sahu  
Executive Engineer, PWD  
Darjeeling Electrical Division  
ICA: 16281(2) 2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**

A1 Development schemes (Construction of Sella Shopping Complex Auction Shed, Road and Drain, at Belvaudharai PHV under Nadia District vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE.O/115/2023-24 Dated 27/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024\_WBSMB 676884\_1

The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.

A2 Infrastructure Development Work at Bhatar Kharakh Bazar under Purbia Bardhaman District (12 Nos. Open Market Shed, Road, Electrification Work, vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE.O/181/2023-24 Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024\_WBSMB 676845\_1

The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.

A3 Infrastructure Development of Labpur Kharakh Bazar (Construction of Open Market Shed (2 Nos.), Concrete Approach & Internal Road, Surface Drain and Development including Allied Works) under Birbhum District vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE.O/117/2023-24 Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024\_WBSMB 676897\_1

The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.

A4 Improvement of Market Infrastructure (Construction of (1) 25 Nos. Stall (4) Toilet Block (1) Drinking Water Arrangement (1) Electrical Works at Old Bazar situated on SBI Road) at Manbazar-I Block, Dist. Purbu vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE.O/118/2023-24 Dated 28/02/2024 bearing Tender Id - 2024\_WBSMB 676822\_1

The last date for submission of Tender is on 27-03-2024 up to 12.00 Noon.

The detailed information regarding e-NT will be available on the <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer  
West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board  
ICA: T619(6)/2024

**WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED**  
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**WBSEDCL invites e-Tender as follows:**

1) NIT No. CE/DTD/Testing Instruments/2023-24/05 of the Chief Engineer, Distribution Testing Department for manufacture, testing, supply & delivery of (i) 32 nos. Digital Multimeter. Estimated Cost: Rs. 9,39,000/-, (ii) 10 nos. Clamp Meter for measurement of leakage current. Estimated Cost: Rs. 3,57,000/-, (iii) 07 nos. Clamp Meter for measurement of load current. Estimated Cost: Rs. 1,17,000/-

2) NIT No. RM/DR/ELECTRICAL/e-Tender/2023-24/07 Date: 04.03.2024 of the Regional Manager, Darjeeling Region. Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,90,431.58 (excluding GST) for the work of Construction of outgoing bay at Kawakhali 33/11 kV sub-station to connect with Jtshodhara 33/11 kV sub-station under Siliguri Suburban Division, WBSEDCL

3) NIT No. DM/PT/ET/04-23-24/1054, Date: 01.03.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Jalpaiguri Division. Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,87,563.95, excluding GST for the work of Erection & commissioning of 33 kV CR Panel, 33 kV VCB & CT Equipment, Cable Laying, 3" Bus with renovation of switchyard (Structure) at Fatapukur 33/11 kV sub-station under Jalpaiguri Division.

**Extension of Time**

Ref. Original NIT No. DM/Garia/Tender/2023-24/2<sup>nd</sup> call 283 Date: 07.02.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Garia Division. Bid Submission Date is hereby extended up to 18.03.2024 (15:00 hrs)

ICA: T616(11)/2024

For details, visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & [www.wbsecl.in](http://www.wbsecl.in)



**CAD-4830**

**ODISHA STATE SEEDSS CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)  
**SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR - 751002.**  
Tel - MD 0674-2340573, E-mail- mdoes.ctd456@gmail.com  
NIT No. OSSC/ Mktg (Hort)- 82/2024

**Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif-2024**

OSSC Ltd invites e-Tender only from Registered Nursery Owner (and in case of GOI PSU, their authorized Agencies) on item wise rate contract basis for Procurement of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif-2024 in double cover system through online mode only for the work below

Name of the work	Purchase of Black Pepper Rooted Cutting for Kharif-2024
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in portal	15.00 hours on dt 11.03.2024 to 17.00hrs of dt.20.03.2024
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt.20.03.2024
Date and time opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt.21.03.2024

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum/corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website

Sd/  
Managing Director  
OSSC Ltd.  
OIPR-01/05/11/0057/23-24

**बिहार स्टेट टूरिज्म डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड**  
**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.**

Register Office: बीरचंद पटेल पथ / Beorchand Patel Path, पटना / Patna-800 001  
दूरभाष / Phone. - +91-612-2222622 फैक्स नं / Fax No:- 0612-2506218  
CIN U63040BR19B0SC0001486 web: [www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in) E-mail: [contactbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:contactbstdc@gmail.com)  
File No. 96/Engg/2023/376/engg/24  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
North Bihar  
BSTDC, Govt. of Bihar  
RE TENDER NO. 53/E-TENDER/ BSTDC/ 580/2023-24  
(Only through e-tendering system on website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

(1) Tender is invited from the eligible experienced contractor registered in State P.W.D/ Central Govt./PSU or any other Specialized Agency of National or international Repute for Construction of Development of Punaura Dham Temple at Sitamarhi on EPC (Engineering Procurement and Construction) basis.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (In Lakhs)	Earliest Money (In Lakhs)	Cost of BOQ (In Rs)	Bid Processing Fee (In Rs)	Time of completion of work
1	DEVELOPMENT OF PUNAUARA DHAM TEMPLE AT SITAMARHI.	Rs. 4736.18 (Budget Salary Service crore Twenty Nine lakh Fifty Four Thousand) Only	Rs. 77.40 (Budget Salary Service Seven lakh Fifty Thousand) Only	10,000.00 (Non refundable)	5,500.00 (to be paid online)	24 Months

**Important Dates:**

1	Date of issue of	Date: 06.03.2024
2	Date of Uploading Document	Date: 15.03.2024 15.00 HRS
3	Last Date of Receiving Queries	Date: 19.03.2024 14.00 HRS
4	Pre-Bid Meeting	only Date: 19.03.2024 15.00 HRS Place: Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd Patna-800001
5	Authority Response of Queries Latest by	Date: 21.03.2024
6	Period of Sale of Bid Document	Date: From 15.03.2024 10.00 HRS To 01.04.2024 15.00 HRS
7	Last Date of Bid Submission	Through official portal of ( <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> ) only Date: 04.04.2024 up to 15.00 HRS Through official portal of ( <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> ) only Date: 05.04.2024 up to 15.00 HRS
8	Physically Submission of Bid Security/ PDA etc.	Date: 05.04.2024 up to 15.00 HRS
9	Time and Date of Opening Technical Bid	Date: 05.04.2024 up to 15.30 HRS
10	Time and Date of Opening Financial Bid	Through official portal of ( <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> ) only To be notify Through official portal of ( <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> ) only

6. Detailed TB and other terms & conditions can be seen on [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).  
For any Query, Executive Engineer, **Dr. Mahendra Kumar Singh**, Mobile No-7765954270 / Assistant Engineer **Dr. Sanjay Kumar**, Mobile No 09199307755 may be contacted  
For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
PR-019145 (B & C) 2023-24  
Executive Engineer  
BSTDC, Patna.

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**Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)  
Belfon Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023,  
Telephone No 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857  
CIN No-U31900BR197856C001317

**आईटीडी सेक्टर में कार्य करने एवं राज्य के विकास में नगरीय सुविधाएं करने का चुनौती भरा अवसर**

राज्य में आईटीडी प्रसेक्टर के आधारभूत संरचना को विकसित एवं आईटीडी आधारित उद्योगों में निवेश तथा प्रोत्साहन प्रदान किये जाने हेतु राज्य सरकार द्वारा आईटीडी प्रसेक्टर में कार्यरत Startups के लिए Rent free space आवंटन के संबंध में Online आवेदन आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है।  
<https://itstartup.bihar.gov.in> पर Online आवेदन किया जा सकता है।  
Online आवेदन की तिथि- 11/03/2024 से 11/04/2024 तक निर्धारित है।

Notice No.: 1302/2024 Date: 07/03/2024

**Incubation Centre for Start Ups**

➤ 9" & 13" Floor, Biscoomau Tower, Patna-800 001 में Rent free स्थल आवंटन किये जायेंगे

➤ युवा उद्यमी Start Ups, IT Entrepreneurs के लिए Rent free Workstation Space एवं Cubical आवंटन किये जायेंगे।

➤ सामान्य सुविधाएं • Electricity, High Speed Wi-Fi, Conference Room, Reception cum Business Centre

➤ Application processing fees :- INR 2000/- per application to be paid Online

All Services will be provided as per IT Policy

PR. No. 019246 (B & C) 2023-24 Managing Director

उपलब्ध सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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**Govt. of Bihar**

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
(A GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDERTAKING)  
First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800 004  
E mail: [md@idabihar.com](mailto:md@idabihar.com), Website: [www.idabihar.com](http://www.idabihar.com)  
Phone: 0612 2675933 2675935, Fax: 2675934

**SHORT NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER NO. 35/TEN/IDA/24**  
(Through e-procurement mode on [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

Infrastructure Development Authority (A Government of Bihar Undertaking) invites e-tender on behalf of BIADA from eligible and qualified bidders to submit Technical & Financial Bids electronically through e-procurement website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) for the (Re-Tender) Selection of Agency to Operate, Maintain & Manage the Integrated Export Pack House for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Bihra, Patna, Bihar

**Details of Work.**

The applicant is required to provide Operations & Maintenance of Integrated Export Pack House and Other Allied Services for 07 (Seven) years as mentioned below

1. PLC Control Cold Room; 10 MT x 4 Nos. = 40 MT
2. PLC Control Pre-Cooling Unit; 10 MT x 1 No. = 10 MT
3. PLC Control Ripening Chamber; 5 MT x 4 Nos. = 20 MT
4. Sorting, Grading and Washing line for Fruits and Vegetables (1 No.); 1 Ton/Hr
5. Weighing and Packing line (1 No.); 1 Ton/Hr
6. Vapour Heat Treatment Unit (1 No.); 1.5 Ton/Batch
7. Hot Water Immersion Treatment unit (1 No.); 0.5 Ton/Batch
8. Evaporator & Condensing unit for Temperature Control inside the Pack House (12 Nos.); 12 Kw Cooling
9. Other Allied Services

**TENDER DETAILS**

S.No.	Particulars	Details
1	Start Date & Time for Downloading of Tender Document	From Date 14.03.2024 to 22.03.2024 on <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
2	Last Date for Submission of Queries	Date: 16.03.2024 e-mail: <a href="mailto:md@idabihar.com">md@idabihar.com</a>
3	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting at Meeting Room/Through VC	Date: 18.03.2024 at 15.00 Hrs. Infrastructure Development Authority (IDA), First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna
4	Response of Pre-Bid Queries	To be uploaded on website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> on Date 19.03.2024
5	Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender	23.03.2024 at 17.00 Hrs. on the website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
6	Last Date, Time and Place for Submission of Original instrument of EMD and Receipt of BOQ cost	In the office of Executive Engineer (Tech.) HQ Infrastructure Development Authority (IDA), First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna 23.03.2024 at 17.00 Hrs.
7	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bid	Date: 25.03.2024 at 11.00 Hrs. On the website <a href="https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in">https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a>
8	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	To be notified later
9	Bid Validity	180 days

**NOTE:** - Subsequent notification/corrigendum will be available only on website of EPROC and/or IDA i.e. <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and/or [www.idabihar.com](http://www.idabihar.com)  
For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

Executive Engineer (Tech- HQ)  
Infrastructure Development Authority, Patna  
PR. No. 019244 (B & C) 2023-24

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**सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क विभाग**  
**अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना**  
(केवल ई-टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर)

1. कार्यों की विवरणी- राज्य स्तर पर संचालित योजनाओं/उपलब्धियों का फाल्टर के रूप में सकलन
2. महत्वपूर्ण तिथियाँ

क्र.	विषय	दिनांक
i	निविदा प्रमाणित करने की तिथि	दिनांक-07.03.2024
ii	निविदा प्रमाणित करने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-07.04.2024 समय 05.00 बजे अपराह्न तक। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर)
iii	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-03.04.2024 समय 03.00 बजे अपराह्न। (सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर)
iv	निविदा खोलने का स्थान	सिर्फ वेबसाइट <a href="http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in">www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</a> पर
v	निविदा की वैधता अवधि	120 दिन

1. निविदा केवल ई-निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर निष्पादित किया जाएगा।
2. विस्तृत जानकारी सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क विभाग के वेबसाइट-[state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखा जा सकता है।

**निदेशक,**  
**सूचना एवं जन-सम्पर्क विभाग,**  
**बिहार, पटना**  
PR. No. 019298 (I&PRD) 2023-24

उपलब्ध सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

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**CAD-1503**

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001  
Notification No.: 1650 Date: 06.03.2024  
Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in), Email: [drugs-osmcl@gov.in](mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in)  
Bid Ref. No. OSMCL/2024-25/SUT-SURG & OTHER-DHS/04 Date: 07.03.2024  
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Surgical, Suture & Other Items as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1	Date & time of release of bid	07.03.2024, 3 PM
2	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - <a href="mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in">drugs-osmcl@gov.in</a>	13.03.2024, up to 5:00 PM
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 22.03.2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 16.04.2024, 6.00 PM
4	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time: 17.04.2024, 10 AM End Date & Time: 25.04.2024, 11.00 AM
5	Date & time of sample submission as per section-IV of tender documents	25.04.2024, upto 11.30 AM
6	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	25.04.2024, 11.30 AM
7	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in). Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/  
Managing Director  
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha  
OIPR-10112/11/0057/23-24

**CAD-4502**

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001  
Notification No. 1642 Date: 06.03.2024  
Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in), Email: [drugs-osmcl@gov.in](mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in)  
Bid Ref. No. OSMCL/2024-25/DRUGS-DHS-ACD-GR-11/02 Date: 07.03.2024  
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Anti Cancer Items (Group-II) as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	07/03/2024, 3 PM
2	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - <a href="mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in">drugs-osmcl@gov.in</a>	13/03/2024, up to 5:00 PM
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 18/03/2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 16/04/2024, 6.00 PM
4	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time: 17/04/2024, 10 AM End Date & Time: 19/04/2024, 11.00 AM
5	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	19/04/2024, 11:30 AM
6	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in). Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/  
Managing Director  
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha  
OIPR-10112/11/0056/23-24

**CAD-4504**

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001  
Notification No. 1654 Date: 06.03.2024  
Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in), Email: [drugs-osmcl@gov.in](mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in)  
Bid Ref. No. OSMCL/2024-25/BLAND BANK-SBTC/03 Date: 07/03/2024  
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of SBTC Items as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1	Date & time of release of bid	07/03/2024, 3 PM
2	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - <a href="mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in">drugs-osmcl@gov.in</a>	13/03/2024, up to 5:00 PM
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 21/03/2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 15/04/2024, 6.00 PM
4	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time: 16/04/2024, 10 AM End Date & Time: 24/04/2024, 11.00 AM
5	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	24/04/2024, 11.00 AM
6	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in). Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/  
Managing Director  
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha  
OIPR - 10112/11/0055/23-24

**CAD-4505**

**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
**Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**

In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar -751 001  
Notification No. 1648 Date: 06.03.2024  
Tel.: (0674) 2380950, Website: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in), Email: [drugs-osmcl@gov.in](mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in)  
Bid Ref. No. OSMCL/2024-25/DRUGS-DHS-GEN-GR-01 Date: 07.03.2024  
Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply of Drugs & Medical Consumables (Group-I) as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1	Date & time of release of bid	07.03.2024, 3 PM
2	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - <a href="mailto:drugs-osmcl@gov.in">drugs-osmcl@gov.in</a>	13.03.2024, up to 5:00 PM
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 20.03.2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 12.04.2024, 6.00 PM
4	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time: 13.04.2024, 10 AM End Date & Time: 23.04.2024, 11.00 AM
5	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	23.04.2024, 11.30 AM
6	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in). Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/  
Managing Director  
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha  
OIPR-10112/11/0054/23-24

**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.**  
(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)  
Email: [contactbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:contactbstdc@gmail.com) / [webbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:webbstdc@gmail.com) Tel: +91 0612 2222622  
File No.- 44/Engg/2024/377/engg/24  
(Through e-procurement mode only -)

1. Chief Engineer, BSTDC invites Request for Proposal (short notice) for engagement of agency for Revamping work of Rajgir Charliit Passenger ropeway at Nainanda District Bihar, on turnkey lump-sum price basis from eligible experienced Firms/Contractors/ agencies/ Bidders for the execution of works as given below.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of BTP Document (Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee (Online Payment, (Rs) (Non-refundable)	Revamping work re-commissioning of the ropeway (in month)
1	Bihar Passenger ropeway system at Rajgir Charliit (District Sitah)	3,00,000/-	10,000/-	1,000/- plus GST	4 (Six)

2. Date of inviting tender: Date 06.03.2024  
From 18.03.2024 to 01.04.2024 up to 3.00 PM through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

3. Date of downloading of bid document: Date: 20.03.2024, Time 3.00 PM, Chief Engineer, BSTDC office, Sikh heritage Building, Daroga Prasad Ra Path, Patna- 800 001

4. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting: Date 02.04.2024 at 3:00 AM

5. Last date and time for receipt of online bids: Date 03.04.2024, at 3:00 PM

6. Last Date and time for Submission of hard copy of relevant documents: Date 03.04.2024, at 3:00 PM

7. Time and Date of opening of technical bids: Date 03.04.2024, at 3:00 PM

8. Time and Date of financial bids: To be Communicated later on

9. Period of bids validity: 90 days

10. Officer inviting bids: Executive Engineer (BSTDC)

11. For any clarification, please contact the following officer/s of BSTDC  
i) Executive Engineer - contact No 9431083130  
For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
PR 019143 (B & C) 2023-24  
Executive Engineer  
BSTDC, Patna.

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**Govt. of Bihar**

**Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation**  
(A Government of Bihar undertaking)

**NOTICE INVITING E TENDER**  
For  
Request for Proposal (RFP) for  
Selection of Agencies for Operation and Maintenance of Water Sports Activities In Bihar

NIT No.-326/23/TT/563/24  
(Through e-procurement mode only - [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

1. Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited invites Bids from reputed experienced, and competent Agencies for operation and maintenance of water sports activities at eight identified locations in Bihar. Please refer to the RFP for details.
2. The selection shall be for an initial period of three years and may be extended annually on mutual assent.

Sl. No.	Name of properties	Bid processing Fees	Bid Document Cost	Bid (EMD)
1	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Agencies for Operation and Maintenance of Water Sports Activities In Bihar 1. Gayaji Dam, Falgu River, Gaya, Bihar	\$90 00	\$,000.00	25,000.00

3. Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting: Date: 19.03.2024 Time 11.30 AM  
BSTDC office, Sikh Heritage Bhawan, Daroga Rai Path, Patna- 800001

4. Date of downloading of bid document: From - 15.03.2024 to 02.04.2024 up to 02.00 PM  
Through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)  
Date: 02.04.2024 Time 3.00 PM  
Through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

5. Last date and time for receipt of bids on eproc2: Date: 02.04.2024 Time 4.00 PM  
Through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

6. Time and Date of opening of technical bids: To be Communicated later on  
Through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

7. Time and Date of financial bids: To be Communicated later on  
Through website: [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

8. Place of opening of Bid: General Manager (P&D), BSTDC

9. Period of bids validity: 180 days

10. Officer inviting bids: General Manager (P&D), BSTDC

11. For participating in E-tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and download/participate in E-tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at [contactbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:contactbstdc@gmail.com)

12. For any information Sri Suman Kumar, Mobile No. 9431813305/ 8544418314 can be contacted

13. Further details of works can be obtained from the office of General Manager (P&D). For clarification, regarding the E-tendering process, please contact e-Proc 2, Helpdesk, junction services limited RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank Campus, Khatapara, Ashana Road, P.S. - Shastri Nagar, Patna 800 014, Bihar, Toll Free Number 1800 572 6571, Email id [eproc2support@bistdc.bihar.gov.in](mailto:eproc2support@bistdc.bihar.gov.in)

BSTDC, Beorchand Patel Path, Patna-800 001  
(Tel: 0612-2506218, 2225411, 2506218 (Fax), Web: [www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in](http://www.bstdc.bihar.gov.in), Email: [contactbstdc@gmail.com](mailto:contactbstdc@gmail.com))

For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)

General Manager  
(Planning & Development)  
BSTDC

PR. No. 019164 (B & C) 2023-24

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Advt. No. 02/2024  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONDUCTING 'WALK-IN-INTERVIEW' FOR THE POST OF ENTOMOLOGIST ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS.**

State Health Society Bihar (SHSB), a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Is the nodal agency working under the auspices of Health Department, Government of Bihar and is mandated for the implementation of National Health Mission in the State. SHSB plays a crucial role in supporting health infrastructure and programs in the State.

The State Health Society, Bihar intends to invite applications for the post of Entomologist for the appointment on contractual basis, initially for 11 months which shall be extendable up to 60 years of age subject to candidate's satisfactory performance evaluated by the appointing authority continued requirement of the position by the society, approval of the position by the Government of India in ROP of National Health Mission and availability of fund for the concerned position.

Detailed Instructions about the Advertisement, Terms of Reference (ToR), Remuneration Selection process which includes Application Format and required list of Documents at the time of walk in interview can be downloaded from the official website of State Health Society Bihar <http://shs.bihar.gov.in/>

Details of the vacant posts, total number of vacancy, date of interview, remuneration, qualification & experience have been provided in the table below

S. No.	Name of Post	Date
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Govt. of Haryana

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# Maha Speaker acted in total breach of 2023 order, SC told

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Senior advocates Deva datt Kamat, Kapil Sibal and A M Singhvi told a bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardi wala and Manoj Misra that speaker Rahul Narwekar acted in complete breach of the

May 11, 2023 judgment in the Subhash Desai case where it had ruled that "speakers must not base their decision as to which group constitutes the political party on a blind appreciation of which group possesses a majority in the legislative assembly. This is not a game of numbers, but of something more".

Sibal said Maharashtra assembly elections are due in Oct this year and the Shinde faction wants to delay the hearing on the petition filed by Sena (UBT) leader Sunil Prabhu as the Shinde faction has not yet filed its response to the petition despite the court issuing notice on Jan 22 "We need urgent hearing on the petition", he said.

CJI Chandrachud said "The speaker decides (which is the real Sena party) based on legislative strength of the factions. Is this not contrary to our judgment in the Subhash Desai case?"

Kamat said the speaker, while deciding disqualification petitions against Shinde and his faction MLAs moved by the Thackeray group, skirted around the

## 'Don't cut our throats': Sena leader warns BJP over LS seats in Maha

Mumbai In a clear sharpening of tone over the wrangle for Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra, Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam Thursday said BJP must "not cut their (Sena) throats and betray them." He warned BJP that if the Sena is shortchanged, it would send out a "different message" for the future, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**.

Kadam, a four-time MLA from Khed in the Konkan region and minister in the Sena-BJP govt from 2014 to 2019 is now with the Sena under chief minister Eknath Shinde. He is keen to safeguard his MLA son Yogesh's interests in Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, a seat to which BJP union minister Narayan Rane has staked a claim.

crucial undisputed facts — Shinde staking claim and forming govt with help of BJP, all group MLAs belonging to Sena supported him and earned ministerial berths — which fall foul of the anti-defection Act under the 10th Schedule. Responding to the charges, senior advocate Harish Salve said the issue is not as simple as made out by the Thackeray faction which was found to have used fake documents by speaker. He said the party meeting summoned on June 21, 2022, as per evidence, did not pass any resolution contrary to the claim of Thackeray faction which has al-

"We have come to BJP with faith in PM Modi and home minister Amit Shah. So don't cut our throats by cheating. They should tell this to their leaders in Maharashtra. My sincere wish is that Modi, Shah should take some leaders of Maharashtra to task. Everyone wants their party to grow. But do not cut the throats of those who believe in you. It is very important for some people of BJP to be aware that a different message is being sent from BJP for the future," Kadam said.

Yogesh Kadam is an MLA from Dapoli. Ramdas Kadam's younger son Siddesh was appointed chairperson of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) on Thursday.

leged that Shinde-led MLAs disobeyed a collective decision. "First one must explain the facts and then go to the law. On factual grounds, the Thackeray faction has no case," he said.

Supporting him, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said Supreme Court has ruled that a petitioner must move high court first and not SC directly. "Why can't the Thackeray faction move HC, where the Shinde faction has already filed a petition and is pending consideration?" he said. SC said the issue required detailed hearing and asked the Shinde faction to file its response latest by April 1, while posting the final hearing on April 11.

## Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM: Uddhav after Shah jibe

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray expressed his desire for his 33-year-old son Aaditya to become CM of Maharashtra during a public rally in Dharashiv Thursday. His statement followed Union home minister Amit Shah's accusations of dynastic politics against him, reports **Prasad Joshi**.

"Yes, I want to make Aaditya CM. To make this happen, you all must first elect him to that post," Thackeray said. Shah had accused opposition leaders of prioritising their family members over public welfare at a public rally in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on March 5. He challenged BJP and other parties to refrain from using photographs of Shiv Sena founder Balasaheb Thackeray in their election campaigns.

## NIA probes cafe blast suspect's trail in Ballari

Bengaluru/Ballari: NIA of officials probing the March 1 Rameshwaram cafe blast have learnt that the man who planted the bomb travelled to Ballari from where he is suspected to have gone to Pune. While it is not clear how he reached the Maharashtra city, he is found to have boarded a bus heading for Gokarna in Karnataka on March 1 night.

NIA officials visited Ballari and examined CCTV footage of New Bus Stand, which showed the suspect getting down from a bus and boarding another. The

# Neutralisation of Art 370 has given azadi to Kashmiris: PM

## Says New Era Of Equal Rights, Opportunities Beckons Valley

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Asserting that Article 370 favoured a select group of politicians and their families, Modi said, "Kashmir has suffered the consequences of dynastic politics since Independence. The truth is now evident, and people cannot be deceived any longer. A new promising era lies ahead for Kashmir, marked by equal opportunities, dignity, and rights for all. Unlike the past, the locals now reap the benefits of various laws and pro-poor schemes initiated by the Centre concurrently."

Criticising dynastic politics that "plagued the region" an oblique reference to PDP and National Conference, the two main parties rooted in J&K — he called neutralisation of Article 370 a "pro-poor, pro-development and pro-women" initiative that has given "azadi (freedom)" to the people of the Valley. "Congress misgued the nation about Article 370, but who did it benefit," he asked.

He said J&K is "breathing freely" post-Article 370 and pledged accelerated progress over the next five years. "Modi will not leave any stone unturned to repay this debt of affection. This is Modi's sanj (Kashmiri word for guarantee)," he told the huge gathering at the stadium. Extending his early greet



PM Modi at Shankaracharya H II. The PM made an unplanned detour to the site, home to a hill-top temple believed to have been visited by Adi Shankaracharya, during his journey to Srinagar on Thursday.

ings for Ramzan, he said the Centre is committed to usher in transformative changes on the developmental front in the Union Territory over the next five years and that nobody can derail "J&K's train of success, peace and prosperity".

Earlier, Modi distributed appointment letters to almost 1,000 recently recruited govt employees and engaged with beneficiaries of several central schemes, including women achievers, farmers, and entrepreneurs.

The PM lauded the successful hosting of the G20 event in J&K and said it broke the popular notion that the region is not a preferred tourist destination. "In 2023 alone, more than two crore tourists visited this region. Amarnath Yatra witnessed the highest number of pilgrims in the last decade, and Vaishno Devi shrine is seeing record-breaking footfalls. The influx of foreign tourists has surged two-and-a-half times compared to previous years. Notably, prominent

stars, celebrities, and international guests now make it a point to visit Kashmir, exploring its valleys, creating videos and reels that go viral."

Advocating "Wed in India" campaign to encourage citizens to opt for domestic destinations such as Kashmir for weddings to support local tourism, the PM stressed that bolstering local spending will not only strengthen the economy but also foster employment opportunities for people in the Valley. "You cannot come, see and go back. You should spend 5% to 10% on shopping. I have also purchased from here," Modi said.

The projects dedicated by the PM to the nation included agriculture development programme worth about Rs 5,000 crore and multiple projects related to the tourism sector worth more than Rs 1,400 crore under "Swadesh Darshan" and "PRASHAD" scheme including the project for integrated development of Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar.

## Modi shares selfie with 'entrepreneur friend Nazim'



PM Modi with Nazim Nazir during the "Viksit Bharat Viksit Jammu & Kashmir" event on Thursday.

Srinagar: Nazim Nazir was buzzing like his busy bees with gratitude, thanking people and fielding calls after Narendra Modi granted the Pulwama beekeeper's wish for a selfie together, a moment the PM later shared on social media, referring to him as "my friend Nazim", reports **Saleem Pandit**.

Modi engaged with three budding entrepreneurs from Kashmir during the "Viksit Bharat Viksit J&K" programme at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar on Thursday, underscoring the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

Nazim shared his journey in beekeeping and honey extraction. Starting with just two honey bee boxes in his attic when he was in class 10, Nazim received support from J&K's agriculture department to expand his business. Today, he owns a dozen bee boxes & supplies organic honey to markets across the country.

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Ballari, Ballari

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER  
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE**  
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work  
Identification No.: Online Tender: Road N.C. No. 01 for 2023-24  
Letter No. 1432, Date: 04/03/2024

- Name of the work: Road under MMSY-TRIP
- Total No. of work: 2 Nos. of Roads
- Estimated Cost: From Rs. 813.71 lakhs to Rs. 784.72 lakhs (Approximately)
- Eligible Class of Contractor: "A" & "Special" Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant Class of other Licensing authorities (as per annexure).
- Period of Completion: As per Annexure
- Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of sealing Tender	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O.O.S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore
		From	To		
Chief Engineer Rural Works Circle, Balasore	NCB No.-01	12.03.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	27.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	22.03.2024 Up to 5.00 P.M.	26.03.2024 at 11.00 P.M.

Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd/-  
N.V. Narhar Rao  
Chief Engineer  
RW Circle, Balasore  
OPR-25105/101223-24

**C-3253**

**WATCO**  
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**INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)**  
Bid Identification No. WATCO/WH/48/2023-24 Dtd. 02.03.2024  
WATCO No. 1542/Date: 02.03.2024

- Name of the work: "Water Supply to Periphery of Sambalpur Municipal Corporation under WATCO Division Sambalpur" on Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) Contract including Operation & Maintenance for a period of Five years
- Estimated cost: Rs. 22712.31 Lakhs
- Period of completion: 24 (Twenty Four) Months
- Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal: From 11.00 AM of Dt. 12.03.2024 to 5.00 PM of 11.05.2024
- Last date/time of receipt of bids in the portal: 5.00 PM of 11.05.2024
- Date & time of opening of technical bid: 12.30 PM of 18.05.2024
- Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid: Chief Executive Officer WATCO Telephone: +0674-2571444 E-Mail: [ce-watcoodisha@gmail.com](mailto:ce-watcoodisha@gmail.com)
- The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only

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**O-2754**  
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,  
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**NOTICE INVITING BID**  
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT FOR EXECUTION OF RURAL PIPE D WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN DIFFERENT DISTRICTS ON EPC CONTRACT  
No. 2038 / Date: 07.03.2024

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of the Government of Odisha is engaged in the execution, operation & maintenance of water supply projects in the 17 different districts in the State of Odisha & as part of this endeavour Government of Odisha has decided to undertake the work as mentioned below (the "Project") under EPC contract. Engineering, Procurement & Construction basis. It has decided to carry out the bid process for selection of the eligible Contractor to whom the projects under the package may be awarded eventually for construction as well as operation and maintenance for a period of 5 years.

Package No.	Name of work	Bid Identification No.	Indicative project cost (Rs. in crore)	Period for completion (in months)	Availability of bid document for online bidding
PK-1	Execution of Mega PWS Scheme for bulk water provision to 22 GPs of Sheragada Block and 21 GPs of Hujili Block in Odisha District including 5 years O&M as EPC contract under the package.	PK-1, RWS-3173-34	172.17	24 (Twenty-four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs. of 15.03.2024 to 17.00 hrs. of 15.04.2024

Name & address of officer inviting Bid: Engineer-in-Chief, RWS, Jal "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar Ph. 0674-2345734 0674-2531533 e-mail: [ce-rwsodisha@gmail.com](mailto:ce-rwsodisha@gmail.com)

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>

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Chief Engineer, RWS  
OIPR-25003/11002/23-24

**C-3257**  
GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, PUBLIC HEALTH  
ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT**  
Corrigendum to Invitation For Bids (IFB) Dtd. 19.02.2024

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Class of Contractor	Period of Completion	Availability of Bid Document for Online Bidding
1.	Augmentation of Water Supply System along with Ancillary Works for Balangir Town under AMRUT-2.0 SWAP-II (Zone-5, Zone-18, Zone-19, Zone-20 & Zone-21)	EICPH-20/2023-24	4113.89	Special Class & Super Class	18 (Eighteen) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 11.03.2024 to 17.00 Hrs. of 27.03.2024
2.	Augmentation of Water Supply System along with Ancillary Works for Balangir Town under AMRUT-2.0 SWAP-II (Clear Water Rising Main)	EICPH-21/2023-24	1374.38	"A" Class & Special Class	15 (Fifteen) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 11.03.2024 to 17.00 Hrs. of 27.03.2024
3.	Augmentation of Water Supply System along with Ancillary Works for Balangir Town under AMRUT-2.0 SWAP-II (Zone-5, Zone-18, Zone-19, Zone-20 & Zone-21)	EICPH-22/2023-24	1135.35	"A" Class & Special Class	15 (Fifteen) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 11.03.2024 to 17.00 Hrs. of 27.03.2024
4.	Augmentation of Water Supply System along with Ancillary Works for Balangir Town under AMRUT-2.0 SWAP-II (Zone-18, Zone-23, Zone-24, Zone-28 & Zone-29)	EICPH-23/2023-24	1356.31	"A" Class & Special Class	15 (Fifteen) Months	11.00 Hrs. of 11.03.2024 to 17.00 Hrs. of 27.03.2024

All other terms & conditions of Invitation For Bids (IFB) are remain unaltered

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OIPR-13086/001423-24

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XIMB, CIMP TISS, NPTEL, CTIR, MID, DRI, MIAMI, Jaipur VAMHCOM, Pune, JSS, IIT-Aligarh, IIT -Hyderabad, IARI-New Delhi, IARI-UP, Delhi school of social work, Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Science, Malanda University, BHAR, Jaipur, Jama Millia Islamia (Department of Social work & MA in Mass comm.), Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bengaluru  
KSRM, IIRM, MCD, Jaipur, MDRI, Karnal, OIE, Mumbai Vishwa Bharati, Shanti Niketan (Social work), Xavier Institute of Development Action and Studies, Jabalpur, Azim Premji University -Bangalore, NIRD Hyderabad

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The incumbent will undergo a structured Young Professional programme of the Society. The contract would be of 3 years. However, based on annual performance of the incumbent the contract may be terminated earlier.

**Only shortlisted candidates will be called for Group Discussion and Personal Interview.**

**Selection Process:** Group Discussion followed by Personal Interview. The incumbent is expected to bring with them their original educational qualification certificates, category if applicable and experience certificates at the time of interview.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Last date for receiving application: 14 Days from Date of Publication  
Intensive date Group discussion and personal interview: May-June 2024  
How to Apply: Candidates should apply in prescribed format available in the following link: [http://52.172.141.50/YP\\_Recruitment/Default](http://52.172.141.50/YP_Recruitment/Default)

**Note:- Candidate who has applied earlier vide advertisement PR No. 017864 (B & C) 2023-24, Dated 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2024 need to re-apply.**

Please visit [www.brpls.in](http://www.brpls.in) for more details about organization and regular updates of YP recruitment in career section.

For further details please visit: [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdibihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdibihar)

Sd/-  
Chief Executive Officer  
PR-018971 (B & C) 2023-24 Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society

**नये से नये का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार!**

**Kerala gov dismisses 2 vice-chancellors over UGC norms violations**

Kerala governor and chancellor of universities Anif Mohammed Khan has ousted the vice-chancellors of Calicut and Sri Narakacharya universities — MK Jayaraj and MV Narayanan respectively — from their posts on the grounds that their appointments were not in tune with University Grants Commission (UGC) regulations and hence void ab initio. The vice-chancellors, however, have 10 days to move court against their removal, as per a Kerala HC Jan 22 order. **TNN**

**यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण**  
प्रथम चरण, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, ओमैगा-1 (पी-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा  
Toll Free No. 1800180529, वेबसाइट: [www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com](http://www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com)

पत्रांक: वाई ई ए / गूलेख / तह-बी के / 2231 / 2024 दिनांक 07.03.2024

**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

निम्नलिखित भूमि का यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा आपसी सहमति के आधार पर क्रय किया जाना प्रस्तावित है —

ग्राम/सैक्टर	गाँव/सैक्टर	गाँव/सैक्टर
मुना गाँव, सैक्टर-33 के अंतर्गत प्रस्तावित कॉमर्शियल 24 मी चौड़ी सड़क व 130 मी मोड़ी सड़क	15, 349, 356, 357, 378, 380, 383, 385, 386, 388, 389, 392, 394, 395, 396, 397, 399, 400, 401, 405, 408, 409, 412, 425, 427, 428, 429, 430, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 440, 441, 442, 445, 459, 461, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 493	गाँव/सैक्टर

उक्त भूमि क्रय किये जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अन्दर सी.आर. सेल / तहसीलवार, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण के सम्मक्ष अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

विशेष कार्याधिकारी  
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे प्राधिकरण

रिजिस्ट्री नं. डी.डी. 33004, 89 REGD NO. D. L-33004/99

**भारत का राजपत्र**  
The Gazette of India  
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CG-DL-E-06032024-252649

**असाधारण**  
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PART II-Section 3-Sub-section (ii)  
प्राधिकार से प्रकाशित  
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

सं. 1001/ नई दिल्ली, मंगलवार, मार्च 8, 2024 / कालुन 15, 1945  
No. 1001/ NEW DELHI, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024/PHALGUNA 15, 1945

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**  
NOTIFICATION  
New Delhi, the 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

**S.O. 1046 (E).**—(In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/six lane etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20/40 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land and may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Additional District Magistrate (Land Acquisition)-Agra in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

**SCHEDULE**

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling Greenfield Highway in the stretch of land from Km. 0 to Km. 20/40 in the district of AGRA in the state of UTTAR PRADESH

District: AGRA  
<https://egazette.gov.in>  
Publication Date: 05/03/2024  
<https://bhoornirash.gov.in>

Note: The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of CA, A/P, L/P, M/JR/O/ED and Landowners may also see the notification there

File Number: NHA/AGRA-Gwalior/Raj/2023/3A2  
ABHAY JAIN, Dy. Secy



**SHABARI ADIVASI VITTA VA VIKAS MAHAMANDAL MYTD. NASHIK-2**  
Regd Office "Adivasi Vikas Bhavan", 3rd Floor, Ram Ganesh Gadkari Chowk,  
Old Agra Road, Nashik : 422.002  
Phone 2315860 Fax (0253) 2315860

No SAVVM/skill/313/2024 Nashik, Date: 05/03/2024

Advertisement

Expression of Interest (EOI)

For,

Empanelment of Training Provider Agency for conducting "Employment Based Skill Development Training Program under Tribal Development Department" popularly known as "Ekavya Kushal",  
Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal, Nashik, intend to implement a Skill Development Training Program. This program aims to provide Residential and Non-residential skill training to Scheduled Tribe youth and young women in Maharashtra state.  
In order to empanel training provider agencies for this program, a tender has been issued. The tender document provides complete details about the project, qualification criteria for service provider agency, and other relevant information. The interested training institutes are invited to submit their application online, via Mahatender web portal (<https://mahatenders.gov.in>). The tender document is also available on Ekavya Kushal web portal (<https://ekavyakushal.in/>)

S.N.	Activity	Timeline
1	Tender Publication	Date: 07.03.2024, Day: Thursday, Time: 11.30 AM
2	Pre Bid Meeting (Pre Bid)	Date: 14.03.2024, Day: Thursday, Time: Mon. 12.30 pm
3	Last date for submission of tender	Date: 28.03.2024, Day: Thursday Time: 5:00 p.m.
4	Date of Tender Opening	Date: 01.04.2024, Monday Time: 11.00 hrs

The decision made by the Managing Director, Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal, Nashik, regarding the selection process of service provider agencies is deemed final and binding.

Sd/-

(Smt. Leena Bansod IAS)

Managing Director

Shabari Adivasi Vitta Va Vikas Mahamandal, Nashik

DGIPR/2023-2024/9328

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No -03/2023-24 Date: 02.03.2024**  
**E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
On behalf of the President of India, Deputy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, North Central Railway, Kanpur, invites the E-Procurement Tender for following items:  

Tender No.	Brief Description	QTY	Tender Opening Date
53245174A	Cast Steel Bogie Complete	12 Nos	15/03/2024

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on REPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> 377/24 FA

North central railway, Kanpur, India

**TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI**  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TTD, TIRUPATI DIST, A.P.  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
ADV No: 102/03/CE/TTD/2023-24 & NIT No: 442/SE-1/TTD/2023-24. Dt: 06/03/2024  
Name of Works: (1) Construction of Yagasaia for Sn Snivasa Divyanugraha Homam at Aripin. Amount Rs.550 Lakhs, Time for completion 18 months.  
Note: For full details log on to the website <https://www.tirumala.org>.  
ROC No: PR4 13964 Adv No: 394 PRO 2024. Dated: 07.03.2024. Sd/- Executive Officer

**POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
Sealed tenders are invited from the manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/sole agents on the prescribed form for below mentioned items for two years.  

1. Inj. Amphothecin & Liposomal 50mg vial
2. Balanced Crystalloid Resuscitation Fluid 500ml Bottle

Due date for submission of Tender is 27.03.2024 by 12.30 hours.  
Details of Tender Notice & Tender Form are available at our website [pgimer.edu.in](http://pgimer.edu.in) & [eprocure.gov.in](http://eprocure.gov.in)  
Purchase Officer (HPO), Proc. Drugs & Dressing

**Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare)**  
**Bid Ref No:- E-tender/PHSC/Proc/2024/136**  
The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Procurement of 40 lakh Chlorine Tablets as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  

Date, time and place of pre bid conference	19.03.2024 at 11.30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062 Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247
Closing Date and Time	15.04.2024 till 11.30 am

For details log on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.  
Sd/-  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
PHSC Mohali

**HEAD OFFICE UTTARAKHAND PEYVAL NIGAM**  
11-MOHINI ROAD, BEHRABUN, UTTARAKHAND-248001  
Email: [gmpulwb.upavn@gmail.com](mailto:gmpulwb.upavn@gmail.com)  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
E-tender are invited for the following works:  
1- Survey Design & Construction of Tube Wells, Pump House, Overhead Tanks & Laying and jointing of Rising Main & Distribution system consisting of different sizes of D.I. Pipe. SIFC of pumping plants & providing Water meter connections and all other appurtenances. Civil & Electro-Mechanical works specified in the B.O.Q of tender document including supply of all materials, labour, T&P etc. required for proper completion of work of f.i. E. Kash pur Water Supply Scheme under Deposit Programme.  

A-4) Name of Division	World Bank Project Unit, Uttarakhand Pevyal Nigam, Haidwari
(i) Estimated Cost of Work	Rs. 1037.50 lakhs
(ii) Period of completion/Trial Testing	15-3 Months
(iii) Earnest Money	Rs. 20.75 lakh
B- Last date for receiving of All Bids	26.03.2024, 17.00 hrs
3- Cost of each tender	Rs. 5000/- 18% GST

Detailed E-Tender notice and tender document will be published in [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) on 11.03.2024 at 17:00 hrs.  
General Manager (PIU)

**Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare)**  
**Bid Ref No:- E-tender/PHSC/Proc/2024/135**  
The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of various types of Glassware i.e. Test Tubes, Beakers, Conical Flat Bottom Flask, Measuring Cylinders, Filtering Funnel, Glass Bottles, Petri Plates etc. as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  

Date, time and place of pre bid conference	20.03.2024 at 11.30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062 Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247
Closing Date and Time	15.04.2024 till 11.30 am

For details log on <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.  
Note: Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only. No separate communication shall be given to any of the bidders. All the prospective bidders are advised to check the website regularly.  
Sd/-  
MANAGING DIRECTOR  
PHSC Mohali

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813.  
Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)  
Tender Enquiry No. 313/SS(D)-366/Spares | Dated: 06.03.2024  
Dy. CE/ Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery (F.O.R. Destination at any place in Punjab) of 237 Nos. 60KV, 10KA Station type Heavy Duty, Class-III, Zinc Oxide (Gapless Type) Lightning Arresters suitable for 3 phase, 50 Cycles, 66 KV Solidly Grounded Neutral System. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11.00 AM onwards).  
Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
C 20/24, DPR/Pb, 76/55/12/280/2023/33376

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Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)  
Tender Enquiry No. 312/SS(D)-363/Spares | Dated: 06.03.2024  
Dy. CE/ Substation (Design)/ TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing, Supply & Delivery of Tubular Type Lead Acid DC Batteries of various ratings. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.03.2024 (11.00 AM onwards).  
Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
C 20/24, DPR/Pb, 76/55/12/280/2023/33376

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(REGD. OFFICE: PSEB HEAD OFFICE, THE MALL, Patiala-147001)  
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website: [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
(D/O Superintending Engineer / T.L. Circle Jalandhar)  
Address: Office Room No. 310-311, 2nd Floor, Shakti Sadan, G.T. Road, Jalandhar, Contact No. 96461-07245  
Tender Enquiry No. 40/T.L. Circle Jalandhar/2023-24 | Dated: 06.03.2024  
Dy. Chief Engineer/T.L. Circle, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Room No. 310, 2nd Floor, Shakti Sadan, Jalandhar, invites one No E Tender of:  
1) Laying of tower foundations, Erection of towers and stringing & sagging of conductor with earth wire for the construction of 66KV line from 220KV Laiton Kalan to Giaspur T-off for Alamgir (Balance work).  
For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11/03/2024 from 5.00 PM onwards.  
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
C 20/24, DPR/Pb, 76/55/12/280/2023/33374

**पावर दासमिश्रन कारपोरेशन ऑफ उत्तरप्रदेश लि**  
**ई-निविदा संशोधन सूचना द्वितीया**  
मुख्य अभियन्ता परीक्षण विभाग, इलाहाबाद  
02/2023-24/गुडमिड (परीक्षण एवं परीक्षण)/विद्युत/इलाहाबाद  
संशोधन किया जा रहा है:  
ई-निविदा सूचना - 02/2023-24/गुडमिड (परीक्षण एवं परीक्षण)/विद्युत/इलाहाबाद  
कार्य का नाम: परीक्षण एवं परिलक्षण उपकरण 400 केओपीड फेसीलियुटिव ऑटोमैटिक प्रोटेक्शन डिवाइस टेस्ट किट की आपूर्ति का कार्य।  
1. ई-निविदा सूचना 02/2023-24/गुडमिड (परीक्षण एवं परीक्षण)/विद्युत/इलाहाबाद की ई-निविदा सूचना [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) से प्राप्त/जमा करने की अवधि दिनांक 11.03.2024 रात 17.00 बजे तक एवं सूचना की तिथि को 16.03.2024 रात 15.00 बजे तक विस्तारित किया जा रहा है।  
ई-निविदा सूचना को प्राप्त करने की अवधि तिथि 15.03.2024 रात 17.00 बजे तक है। निविदा प्राप्त/जमा करने की तिथि को अवकाश देने की दशा में निविदा आगे कार्य निष्पन्न में प्राप्त/जमा की जायेगी। ई-निविदा सूचना से सम्बंधित विस्तृत विवरण [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) एवं [www.ptcul.org](http://www.ptcul.org) से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।  
ई-निविदा सूचना से सम्बंधित अन्य सभी विवरण एवं कार्य व्यापक सूचना।  
Letter No: 174/CE/T&C/PTCUL/HL/D  
मुख्य अभियन्ता  
Date: 05.03.2024 "राष्ट्र विजय दिवस" परीक्षण एवं परीक्षण विभाग, इलाहाबाद

**Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.**  
A Joint Venture of Government of Haryana & Ministry of Railways  
Tender No. HRC/HRDC/C-6/2024 | Date: 06.03.2024  
E-Tender is invited by HRDC for execution of following work:  
Name of work:- Contract Package C-6: Design and Construction of Civil Works (Earthwork, Bridges, Station Buildings, Retaining Walls & other miscellaneous Works) and General Electrical Services works from km 81.50 to km 126.03 between HRC station New Pali and IR station Harsana Kalan and connectives from Bada Station of HRC to existing IR Sultanpur station and Mandoli station of HRC to existing IR Asaudah Station in connection with laying of New BG Double Railway line of HRC Project  
Tender Security: INR 10 Million OR the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency  
Date of Closing of E-Tender: 31.05.2024 at 15.00 Hrs IST  
Date of Opening of E-Tender: 31.05.2024 at 15.30 Hrs IST  
Period of Completion: 1095 Days  
Websites: <http://www.hrldc.co.in> and <https://etenders.hry.nic.in>  
No manual tender will be accepted against e-tendering  
CPM/North HRDC, Gurugram

**U.P. RAJYA VIDUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
(International Competitive Bid)  
E-tender No.-T-01/CE(E&S)/UNL/HQ/2024-25 (MSTC Event No.-UPRVUNL/23-24/ET/1) E-tender shall be available from 06.03.2024 at 16.00 Hrs. for Renovation and retrofit at Anpara AESP (3X210 MW) Thermal Power Plant, Sonbhadra-312225 Uttar Pradesh (India). Tender cost Rs. 26,550.00, E.M.D. Cost Rs. 1.00 Crore, Last date of filing online tender 24.04.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. Submission of hard copy up to 25.04.2024 till 12:00 Hrs. Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender document available on the MSTC portal ([www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocurement/uprvnl/](http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocurement/uprvnl/)). Undersign reserve the right to cancel the e-tender, without assigning any reason thereof. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension, etc. if any shall be uploaded only on the above website Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.  
Chief Engineer (E&S)  
महानिदेशक (E&S) / सहायक निदेशक / अवर निदेशक / ई.ESP / निदेशक 07 मार्च 2024  
"Save Electricity in Interest of Nation"

**RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA**  
On-line tenders are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-  

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty./ Sets	EMD (₹)
1	02241077 28.03.2024	Supply of below Ducts	868 Sets	1571180
2	07241034 27.03.2024	Supply of Stainless Steel tubes and Double Female Fittings for 3 Phase MEMU/TC Coaches	156 Set	870860
3	05241085 27.03.2024	Supply of Stainless Steel tubes and Double Female Fittings for 3 Phase MEMU/DMC Coaches	79 Set	
4	05241099 27.03.2024	Integrated WTCC	149 Nos	2,25,930
5	05241099 27.03.2024	Set of Pillars	2344 Set	2505000
6	05241077 27.03.2024	End Wall Assy	371 Nos	294800

(1) For details and making On-line tenders, visit website <http://ireps.gov.in> Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in> Class III/Digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in> (2)Tenders will close at 14.25 hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tenders Sr No. 1 to 5 will be opened at T&K Bridge, New Delhi: (3) For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23370897  
NOTE: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.  
PCMM  
CORRIGENDUM  
(1) Tender No. 02241026 for Micro Controller based Electrical speed indicating and recording System the due date may be read as 11.03.2024 instead of 04.03.2024 (2) Tender No. - 17231475A for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection with Alarm system on Retra Fitment basis in Existing 3 Phase EMU/MEMU Rakes over Indian Railways due date may be read as 19.03.2024 instead of 04.03.2024 (3) Tender No. 12231399 for the procurement of Non AC Ceiling Arrgt. for LHB AC 3 Tier Coaches the due date may be read as 15.03.2024 instead of 01.03.2024 (4) Tender No. 05241029 for Enhanced capacity side buffer the due date may be read as 15.03.2024 instead of 05.03.2024 (5) Tender No. 14231275A and 14231273 the due date may be read as 11.03.2024 instead of 04.03.2024 and New terms and conditions added.  
PCMM  
No. 163-S/2023-24 | Dated: 05/03/2023

**POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.**  
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE), CANTONMENT ZONE, SHIVULI, MURDOO  
**E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM**  
The following e-tenders are hereby extended: 1. Procurement of 245 KV & 145 KV Current Transformers at 220 KV Substation SDCUL Haridwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-27/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.  
2. Procurement of 145 KV & 33 KV Circuit Breaker at 220 KV Substation SDCUL, Haridwar against e-tender specification No.CE/GZR-28/2023-24. Last date of submission online/offline of e-tender is 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on 27.03.2024 at 15.00 hrs.  
Details of e-tender can be obtained from e-tender website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) and information of e-tender can be seen from PTCUL website [www.ptcul.org](http://www.ptcul.org). All other terms and conditions shall remain same. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No. +91 8899890000  
CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)  
No. 432/CE(O&M)/GZR/Adv. | Dated: 06/03/2024  
"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

**HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.**  
(A Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Undertaking)  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDERS**  
Online Single Stage (Two Envelope) tenders are invited for the loss reduction work under RDSS, on the prescribed form (Tender Documents). The key dates of tenders are as per detail given below. The detailed tender notice, terms and conditions alongwith tender documents can be viewed/ downloaded from website <https://www.hptenders.gov.in>.  

Tender No.	CE/MM/ROSS-(P-1.1)/Central Zone
Description of Items	Loss Reduction Work under RDSS for Central Zone
Estid. Cost (In Cr.)	561.66
Tender fee incl. of GST @18% (Non-refundable) (In Rs.)	1475/-
EMD (In Cr.)	5.00

KEY DATES  
Date of online publication & download of tendered documents from website: 07.03.2024 (06.00 pm)  
Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting: 14.03.2024 (at 11.30 am)  
Start date & time of bid submission: 21.03.2024 (from 11.30 am)  
End date & time of bid submission: 20.04.2024 (upto 12.00 pm)  
Date & Time of opening of Techno Comm. bid: 23.04.2024 (at 11.30 am)  
Chief Engineer (MM)  
Save Energy for the Benefit of Self and Nation | HPSEB Ltd. Vidyal Bhawan Shimla-171004

**UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)  
Corporate Identity No. U40109UR2001SGC025867/2358, Victoria Cross Vijaya Gagar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwal Road, Dehradun-248001  
Telephone: - (0135) 2763672-74, Fax: - (0135) 2760269  
**E-TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE**  
E-tender Specification No. CCP-4/62/2023-24 Package A to G invited by this office for Electrification works of ITBP Border-out-post(BoPs) Vibrant Villages under "Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme the Estimated cost/Earnest Money/Date & time of Prebid Cost of tender document".  

Sl. No.	Name of work / Package No.	Name of District	Location	Estimated cost (In ₹ Lacs)	Earnest Money (In ₹ Lacs)	Cost of tender document including GST (In ₹)	Date & time of Prebid conference in online & offline mode	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and Submission of tender in online & Offline mode	Date of opening of bid Part-I in online and offline mode
1	Tender Specification No. CCP-4/62/2023-24								
A	Uttarkashi	Uttarkashi-1 (BoP)		4688.74	93.77	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 11:30 hrs
B	Uttarkashi	Uttarkashi-2 (VVP)		868.05	17.76	23,600.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 11:45 hrs
C	Chamoli	Mane Valley		2835.33	56.71	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 12:00 hrs
D		Niti Valley		5663.77	113.28	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 12:15 hrs
E	Pithoragarh	Vyas Valley		5817.09	116.34	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 12:30 hrs
F		Darna Valley		2042.66	40.85	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 12:45 hrs
G		Johar Valley		4673.13	93.46	29,500.00		22.4.2024 upto 17:00 hrs	23.4.2024 at 13:00 hrs

Other terms & conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, please visit our website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in), No. - 128/EE(cmy)/UPLA-2 Dt. 06.03.2024  
"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Use LED Bulbs to Save Electricity (Toll Free No. : 1912) "Pay Electricity Bill Online 24x7 from [www.upcl.org](http://www.upcl.org)"  
(For Information on Electricity theft, Informant may report to Toll Free No. : 1800 4183/Pax No. 0135-2760911)

**Directorate of Geology and Mining Government of Maharashtra**  
Email: [mineralblockauction@mahadgm.gov.in](mailto:mineralblockauction@mahadgm.gov.in) | Date: 07.03.2024  
**Notice Inviting Tender**  
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Limestone, Iron Ore and Bauxite minerals, for grant of Composite Licence for Bauxite minerals and for grant of Exploration Licence for Lead, Zinc & Copper (Basemetal) and Diamond minerals"  
In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10B, 10BA and 11 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 notified thereunder, the Government of Maharashtra has identified:  
a) 4 (four) mineral blocks [2 (two) blocks of Limestone, 1 (one) block of Iron Ore and 1 (one) block of Bauxite] for electronic auction, and hereby invites bids for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease.  
b) 4 (four) mineral blocks [4 (four) blocks of Bauxite] for electronic auction, and hereby invites bids for the purpose of grant of Composite Licence  
c) 2 (two) mineral blocks [1 (one) block of Base Metal and 1 (one) block of Diamond] for electronic auction, and hereby invites bids for the purpose of grant of Exploration Licence  
The list of mineral blocks is as under:  

S. No.	Name of Block	Mineral	Concession Type
1.	Khatweshwar-II Bauxite Block	Bauxite	Composite Licence
2.	Sadewadi-II Bauxite Block	Bauxite	Composite Licence
3.	Dingarnadi Bauxite Block	Bauxite	Composite Licence
4.	Sandve Bauxite Block	Bauxite	Composite Licence
5.	Borgaon-Khandla Limestone Block	Limestone	Mining Lease
6.	Dhunaki-Lakhmapur Limestone Block	Limestone	Mining Lease
7.	Advali (Kudopi) Bauxite Block	Bauxite	Mining Lease
8.	Kalne Iron Ore Block	Iron Ore	Mining Lease
9.	Jingaon Block	Lead, Zinc & Copper (Base Metal)	Exploration Licence
10.	Kurkhed Block	Diamond	Exploration Licence

The price of Tender Document for each mineral block is Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh) exc. usive of GST. The GST shall be payable by reverse charge mechanism. Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.  
Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (<http://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/index.jsp>)  
Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summaries are available free of cost on the above website.  
Key events and their timelines are as under:  

Event Description	Date
Date of Publication of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)	Thursday, 7 March, 2024
Commencement of sale of Tender Document	Tuesday, 12 March, 2024
Pre-Bid Conference	Friday, 5 April, 2024
Last date for purchase of Block Specific Tender Document, after payment of a tender fee of Rs. 5,00,000 (Rupees Five lakh only)	Friday, 26 April, 2024
The last date for submission of the Technical Bid and initial price offer	Friday, 3 May, 2024

Note:  
Bidders may take that for composite licences the Mineral (Auction) Amendment Rules, 2022 have been dispensed with the requirement of indicating the division of the land into forest land, and owned by the State Government, and land not owned by the State Government and has provided the flexibility of demarcating the concession area using global positioning system in addition to using total station and differential global positioning system.  
However, the requisite demarcation in respect of certain blocks, as and where available, shall be provided as part of the information memorandum.  
DGIPR/2023-2024/9396



**FAKIR MOHAN UNIVERSITY,**  
VYASA VIHAR, BALASORE - 756089

No:fm-u-lib-pur-104/2024/1829 Date: 07/03/2024

**TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF BOOKS**

Fakir Mohan University invites sealed tenders in two bid systems from reputed/leading publishers & suppliers/distributors/firms for supply of books to Dr. H. K. Mahatab Library of the University. The firms interested to supply books as per the terms and conditions of this University should apply in prescribed format available in the University website [www.fmuniversity.nic.in](http://www.fmuniversity.nic.in) on or before 2nd April, 2024 by 5 p.m. Library Purchase Committee has fixed minimum discount of 20% on all types of Indian and foreign publications except Government Publications. So, the interested bidder should quote the discount more than 20% in average for Indian Publications and Foreign publications in financial bid separately. Financial Bid and technical bid complete in all respect should reach the undersigned by Registered/Speed post latest by 5:00 PM of the last date. Incomplete tender papers or Tender received after due time and date will be rejected. The papers will be opened on 3rd April, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. The bidders or their authorised representative may remain present during the opening of the technical and financial bids. The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all quotation(s) without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute the decision of the University authority shall be final and binding on all bidders.

Interested bidders may visit our website ([www.fmuniversity.nic.in](http://www.fmuniversity.nic.in)) for details of the procurement process, quotation call notice and related communication.

Sd/- REGISTRAR

**जेम निविदा सूचना**

भारत निर्वाचन आयोग द्वारा आगामी लोकसभा सामान्य निर्वाचन-2024 के दौरान कम से कम 50 प्रतिशत मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग कराये जाने के निर्देश दिये गये हैं। आयोग के उक्त निर्देशों के क्रम में मतदान दिवस को मतदेय स्थलों पर वेबकास्टिंग का कार्य कराये जाने हेतु जेम पोर्टल पर बिड सख्या- GEM/2024/B/4733296, दिनांक 04.03.2024 को अपलोड कर दिया गया है।

नवदीप रिणवा  
मुख्य निर्वाचन अधिकारी

लखनऊ : दिनांक 05: मार्च, 2024 UPIID 205182 dt 05.03.2024, [www.upgovt.nic.in](http://www.upgovt.nic.in)

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER P.W.D. UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN**  
No 0734-2524462 E-Mail: [capwdujjain@mp.nic.in](mailto:capwdujjain@mp.nic.in)

**Tender Notice**

NIT of 27 GEN/CE/2023-24/ Ujjain Date 02-03-2024

Online Percentage rate Tender for the work mentioned below are being invited. The Tender has/have been uploaded on the e-Procurement system of Public Works Department on the Portal [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) Tender details are as below:-

S. No.	Division Name	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Cost of Project (PAC) (Rs. in Lacs)	Time Period
1	Dewas	2024_PWDRE-340847 pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF JANOLI TO DEVALI APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.50 KM, KARADIYA FATA TO DEHR1 APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 1.20 KM, PIPALYAKHURD TO KHOKRIYA ROAD LENGTH 4.00 KM, ENABAD BYPASS ROAD LENGTH 0.80 WITH UTILITY SHIFTING AND LONDIYA BRABHAR CHAT APPROACH ROAD LENGTH 0.25 KM AND NEORI FATA TO BHOPAL ROAD LENGTH 5.40 KM UTILITY SHIFTING ON DEWAS	1084.42	18 Months including Rainy Season
2	Ujjain	2024_PWDRE-340848 pack 1	CONSTRUCTION OF WORK NAGDA UJJAIN TO MAKAL VILLAGE PUSHTA FECOTRY ROAD NAI BASATI PMGSY ROAD TO NAI BASATI WARD VILLAGE SURJAKHEDI ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL WORK) UNHEL RAILWAY STATION TO BARKHDA ROAD LENGTH 2.20 KM, NAFDA CHICK BURG BARGOTI MAKAL MANDIR TO RADHAKRISHNA MANDIR ROAD (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL WORK) Total 5.99 LENGTH ON UJJAIN	554.78	12 Months including Rainy Season
3	Ujjain	2024_PWDRE-340849 pack 1	CONST. OF BIHARIYA TO RAMGARH ROAD LENGTH 9.50 K.M. AT SUB DN MAHIDPUR DN, UJJAIN.	683.03	12 Months including Rainy Season

The document can only be purchased online from the above website after making online payment. The last date & time for purchase of document and online Bid Submission on line is Dated 18-03-2024 upto 17:30 PM. Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above mentioned portal. Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
P.W.D. UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN

कोरोना में खसकानी हुई, समझो बुद्धिमान बंदी।

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION**  
DIVISION POWER HOUSE BHEP-II CHANDERKOTE  
Email: [xenegenbhep2@gmail.com](mailto:xenegenbhep2@gmail.com) Tel/fax: 01998-288052

**E-NIT No:- GEN/BHEP-II/18 of 2023**  
Dated : 04/03/2024

**E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

On behalf of Managing Director JKSPDC on Tender basis, are invited for "SUPPLY OF MANDATORY TURBINE, MIV AND OTHER ASSOCIATED SPARES" for 450 MW (3X150) BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II from the Hydro-Mechanical Contractors / Original Equipment Manufacturers for below mentioned supply.

The Scanned copies of the bids should be uploaded online on [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in). Complete bidding process will be online.

S. No.	Scope of Work	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Document	Estimate cost Inclusive of all taxes and duties (in Rs.)	Date of opening of Bid
1	Supply of Mandatory Turbine, MIV and other associated Spares For 450 MW (3x150) Baglihar Hydro Electric Project Stage-II	Rs. 2,95,260/-	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 1,47,63,000/-	27-03-2024

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-03-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04-03-2024
3	Pre bid meeting	11-03-2024
4	Bid submission Start Date	11-03-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-03-2024 at 04:00 PM
6	Date & time of opening of tech Bids (Online)	27-03-2024 at 06:00 PM

Bidder must read term/condition in tender document carefully before uploading the tender.

- Complete bidding process will be on line.
- Bid must be accompanied by (i) Bid security (EMD), which should be in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any NATIONALISED BANK pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP Chanderkote & (ii) The cost of the downloaded Tender Document in the form e-challan or Demand Draft (DD) (of J&K Bank or SBI Bank) in favour of Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP payable at Chanderkote District Ramban (J&K).  
Account No. as 0240010200000002  
IFSC code as JAKAOCHNDAR  
Bank: J&K Bank Ltd Chanderkote
- The original documents in respect of cost of document, EMD documents etc. Should reach in the Office of Executive Engineer Generation Division, BHEP-II on or before 27/03/2024 If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt as specified, the same will be received on the next working day up to 4.00 pm at the same venue. JKSPDC will not be responsible for any delay due to any reason.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Generation Division  
BHEP-II, Chanderkote

No:- GEN/BHEP-II/2090-07  
Dated:- 04-03-2024  
DIP No. DIP/J-5645-P/27/06 03 2024

**C-3236 OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
Udit Nagar, Rourkela Dist.-Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin-769012  
Website: [www.rmc.nic.in](http://www.rmc.nic.in)  
Emailid: [rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com](mailto:rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com)

No. 3089 Date: 04.03.2024

**Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Sealed applications are invited from the reputed firms /Agencies for "Upgradation of Esri ArcGIS License and Jumpstart Service"

For detail technical specifications along with terms & conditions etc. may be seen from the website of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. [www.rmc.nic.in](http://www.rmc.nic.in). Date of issue of tender documents from dtd. 04.03.2024. The last date for receipt of sealed tender is 11.03.2024 till 1:00 P.M. through Speed Post/ Regd. Post /Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned.

Sd/-  
Commissioner  
Rourkela Municipal Corporation  
DPR-1313/11/01/15/23-24

**ARYABHATTA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF OBSERVATIONAL SCIENCES (ARIES)**  
MANORA PEAK, NAINITAL, UTTARAKHAND

**Walk-in-interview**

Walk in interview for the following positions of Project Assistant and Finance and Accounts Manager on contractual basis at the institute, shall be conducted on 18 March 2024 at 10 AM.

Sr. No.	Post Name	No. of Posts	Age Limit (as on March.01.2024)	Consolidated Pay (Rs. Per Month)
1.	Project Assistant	01	35 Years	25000/-
2.	Finance and Account Manager	01	45 Years	40000/-

Application form and other terms and conditions are available at institute website <https://www.aries.res.in>

Registrar

**CAD-4500 Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**  
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar-751001  
Tel. : (0674) 2380608 Website : [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) Email: [proc.osmcl.od@gmail.com](mailto:proc.osmcl.od@gmail.com)  
Notification No. 1800/OSMCL/2024 Date : 06.03.2024

**NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF RADIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT**

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below

Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost Inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1	OSMCL/2023-24/RADIOTHERAPY EQUIP	TENDER FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF RADIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT	Rs. 5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1	Date & time of release of bid	06.03.2024, 5 PM
2	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	13.03.2024, 11.30 AM Venue: Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 21.03.2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 10.04.2024, 5 PM
4	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	16.04.2024, 3 PM
5	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
Managing Director, OSMCL  
DPR-1012/21/0048/23-24

**CAD-44 Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)**  
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit - III, Bhubaneswar-751001  
Tel. : (0674) 2380608 Website : [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) Email: [proc.osmcl.od@gmail.com](mailto:proc.osmcl.od@gmail.com)  
Notification No. 1674/OSMCL/2024 Date : 06.03.2024

**NOTICE INVITING E-Tender for SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF CARDIAC CATH LAB UNIT FOR DEPT. OF CARDIOLOGY, SCBMCH-CUTTACK AND BMRC CARDIAC CARE HOSPITAL-JHARSUGUDA**

Online Bids through e-Tender portal (<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below

Sl. No.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost Inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1	OSMCL/2023-24/CARDIAC CATH LAB UNIT-26	Tender for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Cardiac Cath Lab Unit for Dept. of Cardiology, SCBMCH-Cuttack and BMRC Cardiac Care Hospital - Jharsuguda	Rs. 5,900/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and Time
1	Date & time of release of bid	06.03.2024, 5 PM
2	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	15.03.2024, 11.30 AM Venue: Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar
3	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time: 25.03.2024, 3 PM End Date & Time: 16.04.2024, 5 PM
4	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	16.04.2024, 3 PM
5	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites [www.osmcl.nic.in](http://www.osmcl.nic.in) and <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-  
Managing Director, OSMCL  
DPR-1012/21/0052/23-24

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, GENERATION DIVISION, BHEP-II CHANDERKOTE**  
Email: [xenegenbhep2@gmail.com](mailto:xenegenbhep2@gmail.com) Tel / fax : 01998-288052

**E-NIT No :- GEN/BHEP-II/19 of 2023**  
Dated : 04/03/2024.

**E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

E-tender (in two parts) on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir State Power Development Corporation, Executive Engineer, Generation Division, BHEP-II, Chanderkote invites online e-bids from OEM M/s Voith Hydro Pvt. Ltd for "Implementation of Black Start of three units of BHEP-II" for 450 MW (3X150) BAGLIHAR HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT STAGE-II for below mentioned scope of work

S. No.	Scope of work	Estimated Cost (including GST)	EMD	Cost of Tender document	Date of opening of Bid
1	Implementation of Black Start of all three units of BHEP-II	Rs. 81,42,000	Rs. 1,62,840	Rs. 5,000	27-03-2024

Position of AAA: Accorded  
Position of Funds: Available

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.kjtenders.gov.in](http://www.kjtenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	04-03-2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	04-03-2024
3	Pre bid meeting	11-03-2024
4	Bid submission Start Date	11-03-2024
5	Bid Submission End Date	26-03-2024 at 04:00 PM
6	Date & time of opening of tech Bids (Online)	27-03-2024 at 06:00 PM

- Complete bidding process will be on line.
- Bid must be accompanied by (i) Bid security (EMD), which should be in the shape of Bank Guarantee/CDR/FDR of any NATIONALISED BANK pledged to Chief Pay & Accounts Officer BHEP Chanderkote & (ii) The cost of the downloaded Tender Document in the form e-challan or Demand Draft (DD) (of J&K Bank or SBI Bank) in favour of Chief Pay & Accounts officer BHEP payable at Chanderkote District Ramban (J&K).  
Account No. as 0240010200000002  
IFSC code as JAKAOCHNDAR  
Bank: J&K Bank Ltd Chanderkote
- The original documents in respect of cost of document, EMD documents etc. Should reach in the Office of Executive Engineer Generation Division, BHEP-II on or before 27/03/2024 If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt as specified, the same will be received on the next working day up to 4.00 pm at the same venue. JKSPDC will not be responsible for any delay due to any reason.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Generation Division BHEP-II  
Chanderkote.

No:- GEN/BHEP-II/2098-3005  
Dated:- 04-03-2024  
DIP No. DIP/J-5645-P/27/06 03 2024

**MAHAGENCO**  
E-Tender No. Name of Work Estimated Cost

T-23/ 3000046458/ 2023-2024	Koradi TPS 2x660 MW Replacement Project – Providing and construction of various facilities for proposed 2x660 MW replacement project such as Store shed complex, WTP, J, Security gate, car parking and shifting of the utilities in lieu of construction fouling in the layout of proposed project	Rs. 86,39,68,505.30
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Issue Period : 09.03.2024 to 23.03.2024 upto 17.00 Hrs | Last Date of Submission : 26.03.2024 upto 15.00 Hrs

Contact Person: Dy. Chief Engineer (Civil), O/o Chief Engineer (C)-II, M.S.P.G.C.L. Koradi.  
Tel No. :- 07109-262168, E-mail: [cgmcivil2@mahagenco.in](mailto:cgmcivil2@mahagenco.in)

For further details visit our Website: [www.eprocurement.mahagenco.in](http://www.eprocurement.mahagenco.in). Agencies are requested to register themselves for future E-Tender

**Maharaja Agrasen Medical College**  
Agroha (Hisar)-125047 (Haryana)

(Recognized by NMC/MCI/Govt. Aided)

Website: [www.mamc.edu.in](http://www.mamc.edu.in) Phone No. 8930200819  
Email:- [me1@mamc.edu.in](mailto:me1@mamc.edu.in)

**RECRUITMENT**

Applications are invited for filling up the posts of Faculty (Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor & Senior Resident) in various Departments in MAMC, Agroha. Qualifications as per NMC & salary as per Haryana Govt. with good perks with NPA, New Pension Scheme. Starting salary: Senior Resident-138610/-, Assistant Professor-142110/-, Associate Professor-239171/-, Professor-242850/- + HRA + CA as per rule. For more details, the interested candidates may visit at our website: <https://mamc.edu.in/jobs-2/>

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, JODHPUR**  
(An autonomous body set-up by Government of India)  
Basni, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) Pin code: 342005  
Website: <https://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in>, Phone: 0291-2740741

**AIIMS-JDH/Admn/RECT/Deputation/02/2024**  
**ADVERTISEMENT**

A IMS, Jodhpur invites applications for the following post on Deputation Basis.

S. No.	Name of the Post	Group	Pay	Total Post
1	Medical Superintendent	A	Level 14 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
2	Chief Librarian	A	Level 13 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
3	Chief Nursing Officer	A	Level 12 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
4	Nursing Superintendent	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	03
5	Asst. Controller of Exam	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
6	Senior Programmer (Analyst)	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
7	CSSD Officer	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
8	Senior Librarian	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
9	Chief Dietician	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
10	Chief Medical Social Service Officer	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
11	Hospital Architect	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
12	Executive Engineer AC&R	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
13	Deputy Chief Security Officer	A	Level 11 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
14	Chief Medical Record Officer	A	Level 10 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01
15	Stores Officer	A	Level 10 as per 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC	01

Note:  
1. The number of post is tentative and is liable to be changed based on the institute's requirements.  
2. Maximum age limit for applying for the advertised posts on deputation is 58 years as on last date of receipt of application.  
3. The minimum period of deputation shall be 3 years.  
4. The Officers, who fulfil the qualifications / Eligibility may submit their application through proper channel to the Deputy Director (Admin). All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur - 342005 Rajasthan by speed post. Registered A.D. The last date of receipt of application in AIIMS, Jodhpur will be 45 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in the employment News. The detailed advertisement and online application form are available on our website: <https://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in> Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin)

**BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD**

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS**  
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender
	EMD Amount	

Office of the Chief Engineer (Project), 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE/PH/ACE/C&R/DCW/JTA/1938/2023-24 Date: 05.03.2024

1	Procurement of 257 Nos. of 50mm dia and 175 Nos. of 80mm dia Removable Mechanism Type Water Meters conforming to IS:2373/1981 OR ISO 4064/1/EEC/MID. (CALL2)	Rs. 1,19,05,968/- Rs. 1,79,688/-
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Last date for receipt of tenders : 14.03.2024 before 15:00 Hrs. Technical Tenders will be opened on: 15.03.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Project)

Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE/DE/ACE/TA/2811/2023-24 Dt: 06.03.2024

2	Sinking of 6½" dia new borewells with necessary accessories at various locations of RR Nagar Assembly Constituency (Ward No. 160) coming under AEE(BW)-4 Sub Division (CALL-3)	Rs. 111.62 Lakhs Rs. 1.98 Lakhs
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IFT No.: BWSSB/CE/DE/ACE/TA/2812/2023-24 Dt: 06.03.2024

3	Sinking of 6½" dia new borewells with necessary accessories at various locations of RR Nagar Assembly Constituency (Ward No. 129) coming under AEE(BW)-4 Sub Division (CALL-3)	Rs. 112.39 Lakhs Rs. 1.99 Lakhs
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Last date for receipt of tenders : 16.03.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs. Technical Tenders will be opened on 18.03.2024 at 16.00 Hrs.

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Design & QA)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/JA/4118/2023-24

**Government of Karnataka**

**DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY**  
#49, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001  
E-mail: [dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in](mailto:dir-mines@karnataka.gov.in)

No. DMG-17012/4/2024/2023-24 Date: 06 March 2024  
C. No. 1307359

**NOTIFICATION AND NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
"Invitation of bids for grant of Exploration Licence (EL) for Devadurga block (Gold, Copper & Lithium)"

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10BA of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 and amendments notified thereunder, the Government of Karnataka is conducting auction for grant of Exploration Licence through auction and hereby invites tenders for electronic auction

**List of mineral blocks for Exploration Licence through auction**

S. No.	Name of the block	District	Mineral	Concession Area (in Sq. Km)	Tender fee
1.	Devadurga Block	Raichur & Yadgir District	Gold, Copper & Lithium	850	INR 2,00,000/- + 18% GST

Eligibility conditions, terms and conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Tender Documents, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process shall be available in electronic form only at the website of MSTC Ltd (<http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp>) Interested bidders may visit the MSTC Ltd website.

Sd/-  
DIRECTOR,  
Department of Mines & Geology

DIPR/CP/4092/Zenkar/2023-24



**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-22185)  
**Tender Enquiry No. 311/DS-162/SS(D)-I/RDSS**  
Dy. CE/Sub-Station (Design) TS Organization, C-1 Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for manufacture testing, supply & delivery of 35 nos. 66kV SF6 Circuit Breakers (under RDSS). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification, please refer to <https://gem.gov.in/> from 06.03.24 (11.00 AM onwards).  
**Note :** Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://gem.gov.in/>  
C 20024 DPR/PC 76155/12/2796/2023/33319

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project - East),  
Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Building (PUB),  
21st Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Bengaluru - 560001  
**No: EE/P-E/Tend-06/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024**  
**CANCELLATION OF TENDER**  
Due to Technical problem this Undersign Office is unable to Publish the Tender in E-Portal hence with respect to the Tender Notification No: **EE/P-E/Tend/06/2023-24** issued on dated: **04-03-2024** is **Cancelled**  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer (Project - East), BBMP**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Deputy Director of Horticulture,  
Annex-II Building, BBMP Head Office,  
N. R. Square, Bengaluru.  
**No DDH/TENDER/01/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)**  
(Through GOK Kpp Portal) (KW-1 to KW-4)  
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only  
The Deputy Director of Horticulture invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules, 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies/ Firms registered in Labour department for Maintenance of Parks  
**Sl. No. Name of the work**  
1. Development of Park and Greenery in BTM Layout, Improvement of Freedom Park and Planting of Trees in Gandhinagar and Improvement to Rajkumar Park in Sarvagnanagara. Amount (in Crore) 5.00.  
**Calendar of Events:** (1) Date of Notification : 07.03.2024. (2) Tender can be down loaded from: 12.03.2024. (3) Pre bid Meeting : 28.03.2024 at 11:30 a.m. (4) Tender Closing Date : 20.04.2024 at 4:30 p.m. (5) Technical bid opening Date 22.04.2024 at 11:30 a.m. (6) Financial bid opening Date After Approval of Technical bid. (7) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: [www.bbmp.gov.in](http://www.bbmp.gov.in).  
**Sd/- Deputy Director of Horticulture, BBMP.**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6),  
N. R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.  
**No: EE/PC-6/TEND/03/2023-24 Date: 05-03-2024**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (SHORT TERM) (CALL-2)**  
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)  
The Government of Karnataka vide G.O. No. UDD 389 MNY 2023, Bengaluru dated: 09-01-2024, has accorded approval in Principle and Sanctioned Budget under Government of Karnataka Scheme for taking up of the work listed below.  
The Executive Engineer (Project Central-6), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of work detailed below  
**Sl. No. Name of the Work**  
1. Comprehensive Development of Selected Roads by Providing White Topping Under GOK Grants. Package-7 (Call-2). Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 10508.71, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 105.087  
**Calendar of Events:** (1) Tender Documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 05-03-2024. (2) Pre Tender Meeting will be held on 13-03-2024 at 16.00 Hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer (Project Central), 4th Floor, Annex-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, Bengaluru - 560002. (3) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal on or before 17 30 Hours on 20-03-2024. (4) Technical Bids will be Opened on the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Project Central-6) on 22-03-2024 at 10.30 Hours. Further details can be had from the above office  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-6, BBMP.**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division, No. 2152/20, Defence Colony, BWSSB Tank Road, Sahakaraganara, BBMP Office, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru - 560 092  
**No: EE/BTP/BBMP/KPPP/22/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024**  
**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)**  
(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)  
Tender for the following works on Item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents by the Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division BBMP, from the registered Contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations  
**Sl. No. Name of the works/Category**  
1. Renovation of Byatarayanapura Joint Commissioner Office 1st Floor Bank Portion Building in Ward No-08 in Kodigehalli Sub Division (Others)  
Approx. value of work ₹. 24 90 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 49800/-  
2. Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at APC Layout, Lake Shore Garden, Canara Bank Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-10 Byatarayanapura (Others)  
Approx. value of work ₹. 200 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 300000/-  
3. Improvements to Roads and Drains and Culverts in Maruthinagara Bhadrappa Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-11 Kodigehalli (Call-2) (ST)  
Approx. value of work ₹. 99 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 99000/-  
4. Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at Baijai Layout and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-11 Kodigehalli (Others)  
Approx. value of work ₹. 100 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 200000/-  
5. Improvements to Roads and Drains and other allied works at Basavasamiti, Jnaneshwari Layout, Gurudharan Layout, Saptagiri Layout, Venkataswamappa Layout, Somanna Garden, BEL Layout, HMT Layout, Boom Filled Garden and Surrounding Areas in Ward No-13 Vidyaranyapura (Others)  
Approx. value of work ₹. 200 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 300000/-  
**Calendar of Events :** (1) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 14.03.2024 at 3.00 pm (2) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is 18.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm. (3) Opening of Technical Bids in the Office of the Executive Engineer on 20.03.2024 at 11:00 am if possible (4) Opening of Financial Bid is on 22.03.2024 at 11:00 am (For Two Cover System).  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Byatarayanapura Division**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division, 2nd Floor, BBMP Complex, Dhanavanthi Road, Bengaluru - 560 009  
**No: EE/GNR/TEND/E-PROC/07/2023-24 Date: 04.03.2024**  
**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)**  
(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)  
**TWO COVER SYSTEM**  
Tenders on Item Rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or Equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations  
**Sl. No. Name of the works/Two Cover Works**  
1. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-122 (77) Dattaraya Temple Est Cost: ₹.100 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 1,00,000/-  
2. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-123 (94) Gandhinagara Est Cost: ₹. 200 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 2 00 000/-  
3. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-124 (95) Subhashnagara Est Cost: ₹. 100 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 1,00,000/-  
4. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-125 (96) Okalipuram Est Cost: ₹. 150 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 1,50,000/-  
5. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-126 (121) Binnypete Est Cost: ₹. 100 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 1,00,000/-  
6. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-127 (120) Cottonpete Est Cost: ₹. 150 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 1,50,000/-  
7. Providing and Improvements to Cement Concrete Roads, Drains and Culverts in Ward No-128 (109) Chikkapele Est Cost: ₹. 200 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 2,00,000/-  
**Calendar of Events :** (1) Pre bid meeting on 16.03.2024 upto 12:30 Hrs. (2) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders is 19.03.2024 upto 4:00 Hrs. (3) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid is 21.03.2024 upto 12:30 Hrs. (4) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid (Will be intimated through KPPP)  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Gandhinagara Division**

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)  
**No. CEE&P/SEE-2/EE-TAT/74/EE-112/T/KCO-155/162/2023-24/14143-67 Date: 05.03.2024**  
**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)  
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following Enquiry Numbers  
**Sl. No. Enquiry Nos./ Name of the Works**  
1. **KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK\_IDENT800**  
Augmentation of 2x100MVA, 220/66kV Power Transformers by 2x150MVA, 220/66kV Power Transformers at 220/66/11kV Antharasanahalli Sub-station in Tumkur Taluk and District on 'Total Turnkey Basis' including Supply of all Materials/ Equipments, Erection (Including Dismantling Works and Civil Works) of all Materials / Equipments, Testing and Commissioning  
2. **KPTCL/2023-24/TL/WORK\_IDENT790**  
Re-conducting of existing 110kV Raichur-Shahpur DC line by providing intermediate towers for a distance of 72.515 km in Raichur District on 'Total Turnkey Basis' including Supply of all Materials/ Equipments, Erection (Including Dismantling Works and Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning  
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 07.03.2024 @ 15.00hrs. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is 10.04.2024 @ 15.00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.  
All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.  
**Sd/- Chief Engineer, Electricity, Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, III Floor, Bengaluru - 560 009. Tel: 080-22274744**

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division,  
8th Main, 2nd Block Jayanagar, Kanakanapalya, Bengaluru-560011.  
**No: EE/CKP/E-PROC/24/2023-24 Date: 04-03-2024**  
**INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER**  
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)  
Executive Engineer (Chickpet Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of Works as detailed below  
(Standard Tender Document - KW-3 & KW-4)  
**Sl. No. Name of the Work**  
1. Development to Roads and Drains Badamaken, Annipura and Kalasipalya Bus Stand, Fort Area and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 160, Dharmarayaswamy Temple Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 150 00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 1.25,000/- through BG.  
2. Providing Concrete to Damaged Roads at Kumbargundi, Kalasipalya Area, Parvathipura and Surrounding Areas in Ward No.161, Silver Jubilee Park. Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 250.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 2.75,000/- through BG.  
3. Improvements to Roads in Upparahalli, Mavalli, Siddapura and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 163, V.V. Puram. Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 250.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 2.75,000/- through BG.  
4. Improvements to Roads in Arekempahalli, Dayananda Slum, Narayanapura and Surrounding Areas in Ward No. 164, Hombegowdanagara. Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 200.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 2.00,000/- through BG.  
5. Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 300.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): Rs. 1.00 Lakh through e-Procurement & Rs. 3.50,000/- through BG.  
**Calendar of Events:** (1) The tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website, <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. (2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 11-03-2024 at 15.00 Hours at the Office of the Chief Engineer (South), BBMP, Jayanagar 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011. (3) Last Date for Uploading the Filled Tender Document is 14-03-2024 upto 16.00 Hours. (4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is 15-03-2024 at 16.30 Hours. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid is after approval of Technical Bid. Further details can be had from the above office  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Chickpet Division, BBMP.**

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, (South Zone & Bommanahalli Constituency) Lakes Division,  
Room No.309, 3rd Floor, New Building,  
N. R. Square, Bengaluru-560 002.  
**No EE-South Zone & BC(Lakes)/TN-07/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)**  
(Short Term Tender Notification)  
(Two Cover System), (Through Kpp Portal Only)  
website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only  
The Executive Engineer, Lakes Division, BBMP Bengaluru invites item rate tenders for the following works from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Govt. Organisations.  
**Sl. No. Name of the work**  
1. **Comprehensive Development of Madiwala Lake.**  
Value of work (₹ in Lakhs): 1500.00, EMD (in ₹.): 15.00,000/-  
**Calendar of Events:** (1) Bid documents can be downloaded from 07.03.2024 (2) Pre-bid Meeting on: 15.03.2024 at 4:00 p.m. (3) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal on or before 4.00 p.m. on 06.04.2024. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on 08.04.2024 at 4:30 p.m.  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes Division, BBMP**

**CAD-4495 GRIDCO LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)  
Regd. Office : Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022, ODISHA  
CIN : U40109OR1995SGC003960  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT ON CONTRACTUAL / DEPUTATION BASIS**  
Advt No HR/02 Dated: 06.03.2024  
GRIDCO Limited (GRIDCO), a wholly owned Government of Odisha Undertaking, is engaged in the business of Bulk Power Purchase & supply in bulk to DISCOMs of Odisha and holds 49% equity share in Odisha DISCOMs  
GRIDCO invites application for the following posts on Contractual or Deputation Basis from eligible candidates having impeccable performance record and outstanding professional competency in Power Distribution sector  
**Sl.No. Name of the Posts No. of Vacancy**  
1. General Manager (Technical) 1  
2. General Manager (Commercial) 1  
3. Asst. General Manager (Project & Planning) 1  
4. Asst. General Manager (Commercial) 1  
5. Dy Manager (Project & Planning) 1  
6. Dy Manager (Technical) 1  
7. Dy Manager (Finance & Accounts) 2  
8. Dy Manager (Commercial) 1  
9. Dy Manager (Regulatory Affairs) 1  
10. Dy Manager (HR) 1  
Detailed terms and conditions of appointment along with mode of application is available at <https://www.gridco.co.in>  
Last date for submission of application is 06.04.2024. Any further changes/ modification to this advertisement will be published in the website <https://www.gridco.co.in> only  
**Sd/- Dy. General Manager (HRD)**

**KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED**  
No.1, Dr. Siddappa Purnani Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079. Phone: +91-80-29619801  
Email: [md.ksmcsl@gmail.com](mailto:md.ksmcsl@gmail.com)  
**No: HF/KSMSCSL/EOP/GeM/Trauma/01/2023-24 Date: 06-03-2024**  
**TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
**Ref. 1. Tender Notification No: GEM/2024/B/4742100 Date: 06-03-2024**  
**2. Tender Notification No: GEM/2024/B/4743122 Date: 06-03-2024**  
**3. Tender Notification No: GEM/2024/B/4743325 Date: 06-03-2024**  
Nationwide Tender is invited through e-Tendering system under Government e-Market (GeM) Portal for the following tenders  
1. **Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipment's and Instruments to upgrade emergency department to cater Trauma Services at District Level Hospitals under National Program for prevention and management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (Group-01).**  
2. **Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipment's and Instruments to upgrade emergency department to cater Trauma Services at District Level Hospitals under National Program for prevention and management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (Group-02).**  
3. **Tender for Supply and Installation of Equipment's and Instruments to upgrade emergency department to cater Trauma Services at District Level Hospitals under National Program for prevention and management of Trauma and Burn Injuries (Group-03).**  
The tenderers who have registered under Government e-Marketing may participate through e-tendering system  
Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website: <https://gem.gov.in> from 06/03/2024 the eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office  
**Sd/- Managing Director KSMSCSL, Bengaluru**  
DIPR/CPRO4110/AAPL/2023-24

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)  
**No CEE&P/SEE-2/EE-PKCO-152/54/5/2023-24/14366-30 Dated: 06.03.2024**  
**BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**  
(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)  
Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bid on electronic mode for the following work  
**Enquiry No./Name of the Work**  
**KPTCL/2023-24/TL/WORK\_IDENT365/CALL-2**  
Construction of 220kV DC Transmission line to LILLO 2nd circuit of 220kV Mahalingapur - Kudachi DC Transmission line at 220kV Athani Sub-station for a distance of 25.567km along with shifting of 110kV Athani-Haliyal DC Transmission line from Tower No. 11 to 3 for a distance of 2.319km and decommissioning of 220kV & 110kV line Materials/ Equipments and Construction of 2 Nos. of 220kV Terminal Bays at 220kV Athani Sub-station in Athani Taluk, Belagavi District on Total Turnkey Basis under 'Green Energy Corridor - Phase II' including Supply of all Materials/Equipments and Erection (including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning  
The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 07.03.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is 21.03.2024 at 15:00hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.  
**Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.), Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009.**

**उत्तराखण्ड पावर कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड**  
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपकरण)  
कम्पलैट अर्बिक्व अर्बिक्व, हिन्दु विमान मण्डल (अर्बिक्व) प्रो. विमान, देहरादून  
दूरभाष: +91-135-2653601  
**"ई-निविदा सूचना"**  
अधोहस्ताक्षरकारी द्वारा अनुमोदी / प्रतिक्रिया प्रेषित उत्तराखण्ड शासन द्वारा विद्युत अभियान कार्य के लिए अर्बिक्व 'ए' क्लस्टर लाइसेंसधारी देवेदार जो ईन्कम टैक्स कन्तराखण्ड जीएसटीएन 300100950 नया इंग्लैण्ड/आइडो ए पंजीकृत हों से निम्न निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है  
1 ई-निविदा संख्या- 90/EDCRDDUN/2023-24  
2 ई-निविदा संख्या 81/EDCRDDUN/2023-24  
3 ई-निविदा संख्या- 92/EDCRDDUN/2023-24  
उपरात्र निवेदाओं को अधिक जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) पर देखें  
"उत्तराखण्ड के 24x7 ऑनलाइन मुद्रात हेतु [www.upcl.org](http://www.upcl.org) पर जारी  
पत्रांक 824/विनिर्माण/प्रदेश/उपकरण/विमान/06/03/2024 अर्बिक्व अभियन्ता  
-सम्पू हिम में बिजली बहये- टोल फ्री नं 1800-410-0406

**OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL)**  
**E-Procurement Tender Notice**  
Main Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
Tenders are invited for the Following works:-  
**S. NO. System Tender No./Date Name of Work PAC Amount (Rupees in lacs)**  
1. 163471 First Call 28.02.2024 Strengthening & Widening of Sheonnarayan to Khairtal Road Length 11.67 Km. 1810.67  
Last Date of Tender Downloading S.No. 01 date 20.03.2024. For more details on the tender and bidding process please visit the above mentioned portal.  
**Sd/- Chief Engineer (Central Tender Cell) Office Of Engineer In Chief P.W.D. Nava Raipur Atal Nagar**  
G-083019

**UJVN Limited**  
HO "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephones: 0135-2783888 Fax-0135- 2783508  
CIN No. U40181UR2015SGC025866, Website: [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)  
पत्र सं 338 दिनांक 06/03/2024  
**E-Tender Notice**  
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil), Arakot-Tiuni, UJVN Ltd. Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below.  
Tender No- 01/EE(Civil)/HT/2023-24  
Name of work: Providing Consultancy Services & Preparation of Comprehensive & Bankable Detailed Project Report of Handol-Tiuni Hydro Electric Project on River Tons in District Uttarakash/Dehradun of Uttarakhand  
Estimated cost: ₹. 95 20 00 00 (GST Extra)  
Date of availability of bid document on website: 15.03.2024 from 17 00 Hrs  
Last date for submission of bids on website: 14.05.2024 at 17 00 Hrs  
For fuller & further details kindly visit e-procurement portal "<https://uktenders.gov.in>"  
Executive Engineer (Civil), Arakot-Tiuni, Dakpathar  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग बीकानेर**  
कलक-3133 दिनांक: 24.02.2024  
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 39/ पौर्णमासी/संख्या/2023-24  
NIB No. PWD2324A4709  
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजनागत स्वीकृत सड़क के चौड़ाकरण एवं सुदृढीकरण कार्य के निम्नलिखित कार्य एवं चयन सार के लिए 09 पैकेजों हेतु उपर्युक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत सार्वजनिक एवं अन्य सरकार, कर्मचारी के अधीनस्थ सार्वजनिक कर्मचारी लोक निर्माण विभाग डाक प्रत्यक्ष द्वारा निर्माण विभाग/लेनो इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर में पंजीकृत सार्वजनिक जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपर्युक्त श्रेणी के सार्वजनिक के समकक्ष हों से निर्धारित प्रत्यक्ष में ई-प्रक्रियामें प्रक्रिया से ऑन लाइन निविदाओं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा से सम्बंधित विवरण वेब साईट [www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) <http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in> <http://pmgsyendersraj.gov.in> <http://gmpr.rajasthan.gov.in> <http://pmgsyendersraj.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।  
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अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता सा.नि.वि. संभाग बीकानेर  
DIPR/C/1673/2024

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
No.P/Agra/Gaz./Medical/CMP Dated: 05.03.2024  
**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR DOCTORS**  
North Central Railway Agra Division intends to engage total number of 02 (Two), full-time Contract Medical Practitioner (CMP) including 01-CMP (General Duty Medical Officer) and 01-CMP (Ophthalmologist) on Contract basis from open market doctors or retired doctors from central government or State government or Indian Railway Medical Service (RMS) for a duration of one year as per details given below.  
Number of vacancies-02  

Sl. No.	Speciality	Vacancy	Place of posting
1	CMP (GDMO)	01	Any Railway Hospital or Railway Health Unit (in the jurisdiction of Agra division, Agra, Mathura Jn. etc.)
2	CMP (Ophthalmologist)	01	Divisional Railway Hospital, Agra Cantt.
Total		02	

  
Details of vacancies-UR-NR: OBC-01 SC-01 ST-NR: TOTAL-02  
As per Railway Board letter no. 2018/Trans.Cell/Health/Medical/Health dt. 24.08.2018 the maximum age limit to engage as CMP from open market is 53 years. CMP can age limit for engagement of retired doctors from central government or State government or Indian Railway Medical Service (RMS), is 67 years. If required Contract may be extended on a year to year basis.  
Date, time & venue of Walk-in-Interview & Medical Examination-  
The interested candidates can appear in the walk-in-interview followed by Medical Examination at the following venue as per time and date indicated below.  
Walk-in-Interview & Date Time Venue  
Medical Examination 20.03.2024 10:00 AM Personnel Branch/DRM Office/Agra  
Medical examination of candidates will be held simultaneously along with walk-in-interview. Candidates must submit their applications in duplicate on the prescribed and enclosed proforma latest by 10.00 A.M. on 20.03.2024 at the respective venue mentioned above. The notification can be downloaded from NC Railway website [www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in) About us/Division/Agra Division/Medical. 389/24(K)  
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**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Project East),  
Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose Building, 21st Floor  
(PUB) M G Road, Bengaluru - 560 001  
**No: EE/P-E/TEND/07/2023-24 Date: 06.03.2024**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System)**  
(Through GOK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)  
The Executive Engineer, (Project East Division), East Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the Construction of works detailed in the table below  
**Sl. No. Name of the work**  
1. Construction of Additional D4 Floors above the ongoing Construction of Multilevel Car Parking (MLCP) at Kidwai Institute, Phase-02 (Baance Work).  
Approx. value of work ₹. 795 00 Lakhs EMD: ₹. 7.95,000/- (Rs. 100000/- through E-Portal & Remaining Through B G)  
**Calendar of Events :** (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from 07.03.2024. (2) Last date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is 21.03.2024 upto 4:00 pm (3) Date of opening of Technical Bid Tenders is 22.03.2024 at 4:30 pm if possible or Next Working day. (4) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 15.03.2024 at 11:30 am in the office of the chief engineer, 18th floor, Public Utility Building, MG Road  
**Sd/- Executive Engineer Project East Division**



# As We See It

Hello and welcome to TOI's monthly roundup on gender, politics and culture. In a world where men still run most of the gigs and hog the mics, here's where we say it like we see it

## TALKING POINT

### HAPPY WOMEN'S DAY BUT DO WE REALLY NEED IT?

As March 8 rolls around every year, streets, malls and workplaces bustle with the pink and purple. International Women's Day has been co-opted and commercialised, often reduced to just a cheery slogan and a rose. It leads us to the question: Do we really need to mark this day? Shouldn't our political, economic, cultural and social challenges matter 24/7/365, and not be settled with token attention on one day? The thing is gender equality has not been achieved, it is a work in progress, so marking this day matters. It remains an occasion to take stock of how far we've come and how much further we have to go.



#### 1 HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Women's Day has a radical history. During the Civil War, the US and the Communist world fought over its origins. Some say that it started in 1909, when socialist women and textile garment workers in New York protested their low pay and long hours and declared it National Women's Day. Others attribute it to the anti-fascist and socialist German leader Clara Zetkin. European activists demanded equal pay, voting rights and worker rights. More than a million people showed up for these rallies. Russia started observing the day in 1913, when women textile workers led by Alexandra Kollontai began a demonstration for 'Bread and Peace', a movement that played a part in the Russian Revolution. For pioneers of Women's Day like Kollontai and Zetkin, gender justice was a universal project. It was against domination based on race or empire, feudal order, capitalist relations or family hierarchy. It was 'intersectional' before there was a word for it.

#### 2 MAKING IT OFFICIAL

The UN began marking International Women's Day in 1975, and it shed its leftist associations. Over the years, Women's Day has become a public holiday in many countries. Some have customs that make a fuss over women, give them presents, flowers and so on, or announce shopping deals and discounts for them. But Women's Day has remained true to its radical roots too, as an occasion to wrench attention to injustice. In the US, Iran, Spain, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Poland and Pakistan, women have taken to the streets — protesting femicides, the curtailing of reproductive rights, the lack of mobility and autonomy, conflict and displacement as well as the violence and licensed cruelty of patriarchy everywhere.

#### 3 NONE OF US ARE EQUAL TILL ALL OF US ARE EQUAL

Today, women's rights are backsliding everywhere — in Afghanistan, the Taliban has restricted women from education, employment and public life. In the US, reproductive rights have been restricted. Authoritarian regimes either reject the idea of gender equality or champion women's causes as a cover for more systematic repression, as in Rwanda and Saudi Arabia. War and conflict have been catastrophic for women in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and elsewhere. On social media, influencers demonise feminism and media clickbait tilts in this direction too. Women's Day reminds us that women's freedoms are hard-won and fragile. Feminism must link us across all our differences, without being one-size-fits-all. The obstacles we face are not just as women, but also as members of our class and community. Also, patriarchy does not mean all men have the same power. Feminism is not about pop songs and tote bags, cute merch or sassy slogans either. It is not a framework for personal liberation or ascendance, but for wider solidarity. As Gloria Steinem put it, we're not fighting for a piece of the pie, but to bake something new altogether.

## STATS STACK

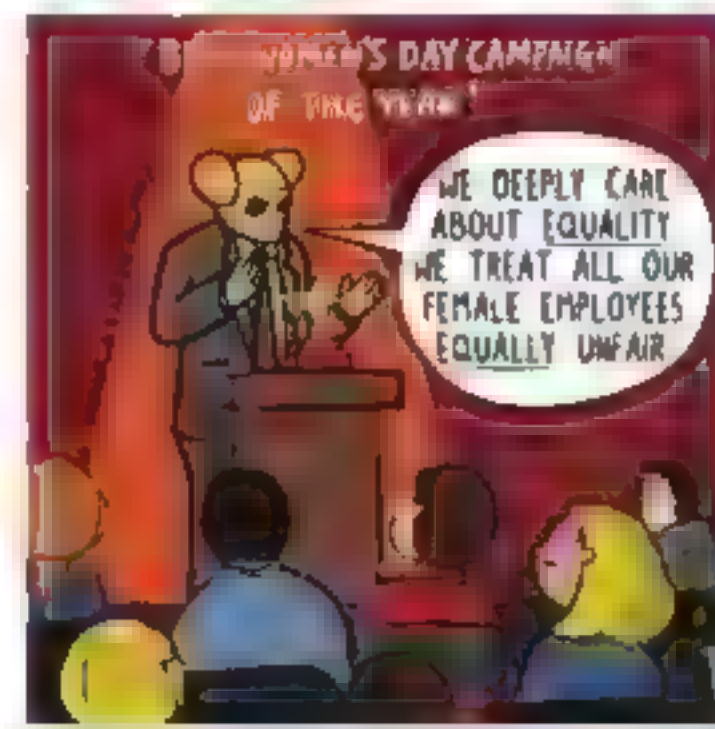
Oscars are around the corner, but change at the Academy Awards is still a ways away. Less than 10% of screenwriting winners have been women, and only three women have won Best Director thus far, data analysis by Sky News shows

## GENDER NEWS FROM THE WORLD

**France makes abortion a constitutional right**  
In a big win for reproductive freedoms, French lawmakers on March 4 overwhelmingly approved a bill to enshrine abortion rights in France's constitution. The measure, approved in a 780-72 vote, makes France the only country to explicitly guarantee a woman's right to voluntarily terminate a pregnancy, AP reports.

## SEEN AND HEARD

Credit: Instagram/Manasi.D



### Companies celebrate Women's Day (one day offer only!)

This hilarious illustration by Manasi.D captures the absurdity of Women's Day campaigns by corporations. The performative platforming of their scant few female leaders, maybe a pink-themed gift given to female employees — all of that is well and good but so is equal pay, a gender-equal work culture and destruction of the glass ceiling. Thanks for the pink mug though!

### Female rage illustrated

Liana Finck's illustrations, bobbing between the absurd and mundane, are deeply relatable. In this particularly enjoyable one, a woman — all signs point to her being an overworked mother — screams at a man to ask about her day. In another, titled 'acts of bravery', her signature squiggly woman practices saying no — to work, to her partner and to herself in the mirror. A much-needed skill, indeed.

## TWO READS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

### The dating game

Dating app users, sick and tired, are taking matters into their own hands by trying to game the system. An NYT piece looks at people becoming increasingly suspicious of apps and their algorithms, treating them as gatekeepers standing in the way of love rather than enabling it. Some feel apps are just trying to get them to become paying members — 26% of users pay for dating apps now. They're trying, instead, so-called hacks like deactivating and reactivating their accounts, switching locations to another city or passing on attractive people, all strategies derived from TikTok. If love is a game, some feel, why not cheat your way through?

### A story about (un)equal pay

When Glasgow-based carer Frances Stojilovic got a letter offering her money due to wage disparity between men and women back in 2005, it felt like a blessing. It came at a cost, as all money does — waiving the right to further equal pay claims. But the pay gap did not get better, it got worse, in fact. In a fascinating long read in The Guardian, the struggle of Stojilovic and other female care workers is detailed, as are the complications of making equal pay a reality.

## AN INTERNET-AGE GLOSSARY OF SEXISM

### Mansplaining

Men love explaining things to women. And even more than that, they love explaining things women already know to women. The term, which is inspired by author Rebecca Solnit's 2008 essay 'Men explain things to me'. In the essay, a perfect example of the phenomenon, she describes a man interrupting her (more on that later) describing books she's written to tell her about a book that he read about, not realising that she wrote it.

### Bropritate

Have you ever had a good idea, only to have a man repeat it with more confidence or simply decisively? Welcome to the world of bropritate. Credit is a fickle thing, and some take it where they can get it (preferably from the brains of women).

### Himpathy

The life-cycle of a male perpetrator of violence or misogyny is a sight to behold — when he's young, boys will be boys and when he's old, he's from another time. Himpathy refers to the outsized empathy we have for male perpetrators, more than the empathy we offer victims. Like when the reaction to sexual violence is worrying about a man's reputation, not a woman's safety.

### Benevolent sexism

It's a strange feeling to be put on a pedestal that's underground, but that's kind of how benevolent sexism works. It describes behaviours that are patronising, in a way that seems supportive. When men would rather protect than empower, look down upon them and elevate, say 'tsk, you poor thing' — that actually changes the systems, you've found yourself in the murky waters of benevolent sexism.

### Maninterrupting

Maninterrupting — oh, sorry. No, no, go ahead — refers to the propensity that certain men have to speak over the women around them. Whether that's interrupting your story to add a tidbit they consider to be a gem or speaking out of turn during a presentation to chime in with an inane comment, it speaks to a lack of situational awareness spurred by their gender or sometimes merely the assumption that whatever it is they have to say is more important.

**Girlboss** | Speaking of patronising attitudes, the term 'girlboss' is a great example. While it started off being used in ways meant to be complimentary — referring to an ambitious or successful woman, it has taken on a more tongue-in-cheek tenor of late. This perhaps stems from the recognition that the success of individual women does not help the rest of us. One female CEO does not an equal society make.

**Feminine rage** | When you're consistently unsafe, discriminated against or underestimated, a little bit of anger is understandable. Feminine rage refers to the specific anger and frustration women feel. Anger can be more than a feeling — it can be a call to action, a demand for equality, accountability and safety.

Curated by Ketaki Desai

## Dropout rate to broken roads, girls from remote areas harness power of writing to bring change

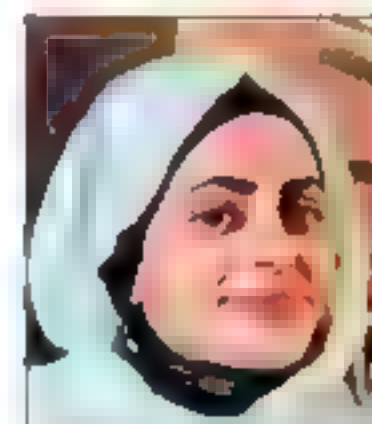
Kritika Sharma  
@timesgroup.com

Hema Rawal's family in Uttarakhand's Bageshwar lost the small piece of roof they had over their heads during heavy rain in 2022, leaving the seven of them without a proper home. With no help forthcoming for nearly a year, Hema wrote about her family's plight and that of others in the village who lost their house or land — in a local newspaper.

That stirred things up. The village head moved an application filed by the family for a house under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). Last year, Hema's family moved into their new two-room house.

In J&K's Poonch, Rukhsar Kausar wrote about girls dropping out of a govt school, because its dilapidated boundary wall was making them feel unsafe on campus. Within months, the education department sanctioned a budget for the long neglected school.

From bad roads to poor internet, girls living in remote



**THE MIGHTY PEN:** (From left) Hema Rawal, Priyanka Sahu, Rehana Kausar and Rukhsar Kausar

corners are harnessing the power of writing to bring change to their communities. Hema, now 18, told TOI over the phone that her article — 'Qalam ki taqat se badlav mumkin hai' (Power of the pen can bring about change) — was published in July 2023. "My family had filed the application for a home under the PMAY in 2015, but the file did not move beyond the village administration's office. In the August 2022 flash floods, our one-room house in Gani suffered heavy damage. Many of the houses in our village were similarly hit. In my article, I highlighted the most basic of our concerns — damaged houses and rain washed roads.

Within two months of my article, our PMAY application was approved. Now, we have two two-room houses," Rawal said.

Gani village head Hema Devi confirmed the Rawal family had shifted to their new house, constructed under the PMAY, last year. Rukhsar, who wrote for a website in 2022, quoted some teachers to say that nearly 50% of girls had dropped out of the govt-run middle school, tucked away in Chhatral. Deputy chief education officer (Poonch) Mohammed Latif Choudhary told TOI after the article was published, funds for the perimeter wall were cleared and work will start soon.

Both Rukhsar (22), who has started practising law, and Hema were trained at a Delhi-based NGO, Charkha, that works in remote areas of Uttarakhand, J&K, Ladakh, Rajasthan and Bihar to give young girls a platform to voice local problems. Charkha CEO Chetna Verma told TOI these girls are taught to ask questions like journalists and write on community issues. Their articles are then published in local newspapers and magazines. These articles, she said, have often gone a long way to bring positive changes in people's lives.

An article published by Rehana Kausar, also from Poonch, in a local Urdu news

paper helped a disabled schoolgirl, Rukhsana, access free education. Rehana had highlighted how the rugged terrain of Mandi had made it difficult for Rukhsar to reach school. The article caught the attention of the social welfare department and they decided to sponsor her education to help her continue.

"It is heartening to see the article was noticed by govt and help was provided to Rukhsar," Rehana said.

In Bihar, Priyanka Sahu, a 20-year-old from Muzaffarpur's Guriyara village, has written two articles on the lack of digital learning tools and functional toilets in rural schools. Her article 'Mahavari me school chhotne ka dard' (pain of dropping out of school due to menstruation) — published in April last year highlighted how girls skip school during their periods because toilets weren't there. The second article — 'Digital saksharta se door gramini bharat' (Rural India deprived of digital literacy) — was published in a prominent Hindi newspaper in Jan last year.

## Women surpass men by 15% in EC's drive to enrol new voters

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**Pune:** Women have surpassed men in enrolment of new voters during an ongoing drive, which is being conducted across the country by EC since Jan last year.

Figures from an EC report released this week showed that in the 13-month period till Jan this year, new women voters exceeded men by 15%. Of the 2.6 crore new voters enrolled during this period, 1.4 crore were women and men stood at 1.2 crore.

Senior EC officials said more women voters exemplify a concerted effort towards gender parity and inclusivity within the electoral framework. As on Jan 31, India has 96.8 crore electors with women comprising 47.1 crore. The



gender ratio increased from 940 in 2023 to 948 in 2024.

Maharashtra is among the states that added more women voters than male voters. There were 3 lakh female electors against 1 lakh male voters which were added to the electoral rolls, taking the total in the state to 9.1 crore voters.

Shrikant Deshpande, former chief electoral officer of Maharashtra who had conducted the door-to-door drive, said that self-help groups, anganwadi workers and housing societies contributed to the significant increase in women electors' registration this year. "The male-female ratio in the electoral roll has increased from 917 to 922," he told TOI.

Swati Dyabhadry, assistant professor of women and gender studies at Savitribai Phule Pune University, said more women voters are important for electorate for adequate representation and reflect an improved gender ratio.

## The Future is SHE: TOI event on IWD

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** On the occasion of International Women's Day, TOI will organise on Friday a series of virtual discussions — The Future is SHE, Season 3 — to mark the celebration of women's achievements in every sphere of society.

Under the compelling theme of 'Inspiring Inclusion', the event will highlight diversity, recognising its significance in shaping a more equitable world. Spanning across various fields, including corporate, STEM, entertainment, energy, sports, family business and culture, the event will see an impressive line-up of women speakers who are trailblazers in their respective fields.

Among the distinguished panelists will be Schauna Chauhan, CEO of Parle Agro; Sulajja Pirodia, Motwani CEO of Kinetic Green; Rukmani Krishnamurthy, first woman forensic sci-



tist, Sangita Reddy, joint MD of Apollo Hospital, Dr. Meera Borwankar, retired IIS officer, Madhumati Lele Srivastava, president of CCI, Nandini Bhownik, priestess, and Aishwarya Pissay, bike racer, among others.

The Future is SHE is a guiding light of inspiration and empowerment, embarking on this mission since its inception in 2022. It is aimed to honour the triumphs of women, amplify their voices and champion inclusivity across all realms of society.

One can register for the event by clicking on <https://bit.ly/TOIFIS2024>

## Women achievers call for a more equal world

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**New Delhi:** When Mars Orbiter Mission probe, Mangalyaan, was launched from Sriharikota in Nov 2013, ISRO scientists spent 24 hours glued to screens monitoring its 298-day transit till it was put into orbit on Sept 2014. There was no scope for error. In this challenging situation, women scientists refused to leave the night shifts to the men and stepped in to share the burden equally, said Ritu Karidhal Srivastava, known as India's 'rocket woman', sending out a strong message on International Women's Day on the need to create equal workplaces and an equal world.

Karidhal, along with acid attack survivor Pragya Prasad Singh who has made assisting people with burn injuries her life's mission through her Atjeevan Foundation and former badminton world No. 1 Saina Nehwal among

others, shared their journey at a programme on Thursday to motivate women to "speak up", face the challenges, and break their silence against injustice, violence and abuse. They highlighted the important roles parents, particularly mothers have played in shaping their lives.

The event organised by National Commission for Women (NCW) was aptly named 'Tu Bol' (You Speak). Nehwal delivered a powerful message, shedding light on the mental pressures endured by sports persons and how it was her mother, a housewife who put her on the road to be a sports person. "As a child she invested in my health, fitness and training. She never allowed me give up and I followed her eventually realising that I was made for the game," she added.

Pragya credited not just her parents but her husband for giving her strength to rebuild her life and turn it into a mission.

## 18-yr-old cricket star sponsoring others to chase dreams, with her prize money & match fees

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**Bhopal:** Whenever she strapped on her pads, cricketer Soumya Tiwari would quietly look around and tell herself that the day she made any money from cricket, she'd start helping those who couldn't afford a bat, let alone training. She was 11 then.

Now 18, and a rising star, Soumya has kept her promise. The batting all-rounder is using her prize money from World T20 victory and her match fees to sponsor budding cricketers from underprivileged backgrounds.

BCCI recently awarded Soumya Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy for the country's best junior female cricketer. "While reaching the stage



BCCI recently awarded Soumya Jagmohan Dalmiya Trophy for best junior female cricketer

where I stand today, I realised that there are many talented players who had to drop out. They couldn't play any longer because their families couldn't support them. Long ago, I promised myself that whenever I started earning, I would help such players," Soumya told TOI on Thursday.

**TIMES VIEW:** The joy of giving has little to do with how much you earn. It is more about who you are and how much you care. Young Soumya Tiwari's altruistic gesture is a reminder to all, including million-dollar cricketers, that money can be put to better use for the greater good. She deserves to be commended by all, especially BCCI.

"When I told my coach, Chennani, he was very happy and said he would help me find such players. Some cricketers approached me and I have arranged kits and other support for them," said Soumya, who studies in Class XII. Chennani said she is already sponsoring an orphan

girl now training with him. "What she is doing is very inspiring. She has announced that she can sponsor five players. Any player who needs help can meet me or Soumya. We will keep it confidential," said Chennani.

Soumya started training under coach Suresh Chennani at Arera Cricket Academy in Bhopal at the age of 11. Within a year, she made it to senior team of Bhopal Division. At 13, she became a member of MP's Under-19 team and also the state Under-23 team. She made her debut with MP seniors at the age of 15. In 2019, she captained Women U-16 Central Zone team to victory. With an all-round performance, she received Player of the Tournament trophy. Soumya scored a century

in Challenger Trophy in 2021 for India-C in women's U-19 group. In 2022, as captain, she led MP women's U-19 team to victory in domestic T20 tournament. BCCI then made Soumya captain of India A.

She was vice-captain of the Indian team for the five-match series against New Zealand in Mumbai. She played a crucial role in India's maiden women's World Cup trophy in 2023. And, in Aug-Sept 2023, Soumya was made vice-captain for Asia Emerging Cup and played an important role in Asia Cup in Hong Kong where India came second. In 2023, Soumya was made captain of MP women's Under-23 team and led them to victory in National T20 Tournament on Dec 31.



**परास्वास्थ्य लोक सेवा आधिकरण, देहरादून में उपाध्यक्ष (प्रशासकीय) तथा सदस्य (प्रशासकीय) के एक-एक पद पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप**

**आवेदित पद का नाम**

1 अग्रणी का नाम

2 पिता / पति का नाम

3 जन्मतिथि / वर्तमान आयु

4 शायरी पन्ना

5 पत्र व्यवहार का पता

6 मोबाइल नम्बर

7 ई-मेल आईडी

8 अन्तिम धारित पद का वर्तमान सहित पूर्ण विवरण

9 सम्पूर्ण सेवाकाल में धारित पदों एवं कार्य अनुभव का विवरण (प्रमाण सलग्न करें)

क्र.सं.	पदनाम जिस पर कार्यरत रहे।	न्यायालय / विभाग / कार्यालय जहाँ तैनात रहे	सेवाकाल की अवधि		अनुभव
			कब से	कब तक	
1	2	3	4	5	6

10. सेवानिवृत्ति / स्वैच्छिक सेवानिवृत्ति की तिथि

11. क्या पूर्व में किसी न्यायालय / आधिकरण से दोषसिद्ध तो नहीं किये गये अथवा कोई अभियोजन लम्बित तो नहीं है? यदि हाँ तो पूर्ण विवरण

12. क्या पूर्व पदों पर रहते हुए नियुक्ति प्राधिकारी द्वारा कोई अनुशासनिक कार्यवाही आदि तो नहीं की गयी? यदि हाँ तो पूर्ण विवरण

13. पूर्व या वर्तमान में भारत सरकार / किसी अन्य राज्य सरकार को प्रतिष्ठान / विभाग / निगम / प्राधिकरण न्यायाधिकरण / निजी प्रतिष्ठान / सम्मकक्ष पदों पर सवार रहें तो पूर्ण विवरण

अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा यह घोषित / प्रमाणित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त बिन्दु 1 से 13 तक की सम्स्त सूचनायें स्वयं की जानकारी अनुसार सत्यतापूर्वक एवं प्रामाणित अभिलेखों के आधार पर दी गयी है। यदि उक्त सूचनाओं में कोई असत्यता पायी जाती है तो अधोहस्ताक्षरी स्वयं उत्तरदायी होगा

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**A-1677**

**GOVT. OF ODISHA**  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, DRAINAGE  
CUTTACK, GANDARPUR-753003  
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO. CE-DR-CTC-04/2023-24  
Email ID : ceadrainage@gmail.com

1	Name of Works	Renovation of Palapa Nallah and its Link Drains with construction of structures and slope protection works in Balipal and Basta Block of Balasore District. DOAB-II.
2	Nature of Work	i) Earth Work ii) Structural Work iii) Stone pitching work
3	Total number of Packages	no individual package
4	Estimated Cost	Rs. 1260.00 Lakh
5	Bid Identification No.	CE-DR-CTC-00-BLS-05/2023-24
6	Period of completion	18 (Eighteen) Calendar months
7	Availability of Tender On-Line	20.03.2024 - 16.00 Hours to 09.04.2024, 17.00 Hours
8	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	10.04.2024 at 11.30 hours in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack.
9	Class of Contractor	Special & A Class
10	Bid Security/EMD	12,60,000/- (To be remitted online)
11	Cost of Tender paper	Rs. 10,000/-
12	Procurement Officer	Chief Engineer, Drainage, Cuttack, Gandarpur-753003

Further details can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Addendum / Compendium / Cancellation if any required will be published only in Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)

Sd/- Chief Engineer  
Drainage, Cuttack  
OIPR-32466/11/0004/23-24

**बिहार सरकार**

**नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग**  
**Tender Cancellation Notice**

Ref:- IPRD PR\_015708/23-24 Dated :- 20.01.2024

निविदा Ref no:- IPRD\_PR\_015708/23-24 Dated :- 20.01.2024 एवं RFP No. 03/NUDM-11-01/24 - 375 दिनांक-19.01.2024 जिससे Selection of Agency for Customization, Development, Implementation and Maintenance of Integrated E-Governance solution using Platform for Delivery of Online Governance (UPYOG) across all Urban Local Bodies of Bihar under National Urban Digital Mission (NUDM) का विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया गया था जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से रद्द किया जाता है।  
उक्त सूचना [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar) पर भी देखी जा सकती है।

परियोजना बदायिकारी  
सह अपर निदेशक,  
नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

PR. No. 019268 (URBAN) 2023-24

**नरो की नार, बर्बाद करे चुकी परिवार।**

**कार्यालय, सचिव, प्राविधिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।**  
**शुक्र गोविन्द सिंह भार्गव, कांसमण्डी चौराहा, चारबाग, लखनऊ।**

**Corrigendum No.: 01 Dated: 04.03.2024**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Trustee for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund – 2024**  
Ref:- E-Bid Reference no: 2024 -1

**Subject: Corrigendum to the Online e-Bid for "Request for Proposal (RFP) for the engagement of Trustee for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund"**

Particulars	Existing Bid schedule	Revised Bid schedule
Last Date & Time for submission of Bid	18.00 Hours (IST) of 04 March, 2024	18.00 Hours (ST) of 11 March 2024
Date & Time of opening of Bid	05 March 2024 at 11.30 Hours (IST) or afterwards	12 March 2024 at 11.30 Hours (ST) or afterwards

**Note:**

- The bidders already submitted bids before issuance of this Corrigendum may resubmit their bids if desire to revise the same at their discretion. However, for the failure to do the same on part of bidders for the reasons whatsoever, Department bears no responsibility.
- All other Terms & Conditions of the RFP shall remain same and be *ipso-facto* applicable.

UPID 205311 dt 07.03.2024. [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**A-1668**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER  
EASTERN CIRCLE-I, CANTONMENT ROAD, CUTTACK  
Email ID : seecuttack@gmail.com

**'e' Procurement Notice No. ACE, EC-I/42 of 2023-24 (On-line)**

1	Name of Works	Protection to silted bank on Mahanadi left near village Ranibhum from RD 3190 m to 3850 m Bid Identification No. ACE, EC-I MND 29 of 2023-24 ii. Cement Concrete lining in Disty No. 14 from RD 0.00 Km to RD 3.50 Km off taking from RD 66.720 Km of Teadanda Main Canal Bid Identification No. ACE, EC-I MSD 15 of 2023-24
2	Estimated Cost	Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten thousand) each tender
3	Tender paper Cost (online, Non-refundable)	
4	Bid details are as follows	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Tender Cost (Rs. in Lakh) (Approx.)	EMD (On-line) (in Rs.)	Class of Contractor	Period of completion	Availability of Tender On-line for bidding	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)
Additional Chief Engineer Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack	ACE EC- MND 29 of 2023-24	538	538000.00	A	6 Six Calendar months	14.03.2024 upto 10.00 hrs 28.03.2024 upto 17.30 hrs	30.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs
	ACE EC- MSD 15 of 2023-24	470	470000.00	A	10 Ten Calendar months	14.03.2024 upto 10.00 hrs 28.03.2024 upto 17.30 hrs	30.03.2024 at 11.30 hrs

Other terms and conditions can be seen from the Govt. website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
All corrigendum / cancellation of tender if any, will only be uploaded in the above web site.

Sd/-  
Additional Chief Engineer  
Eastern Circle-I, Cuttack  
OIPR- 32370/11/0055/23-24

**Education Department**  
Directorate of Mid Day Meal Scheme  
Budha Marg, Pathya Pustak Bhawan, Patna, 800001  
Short-Notice

**Notice Inviting RFP through e-tendering**

RFP is invited from reputed agencies for providing evening snacks at the Government and Govt. aided School covered under Mid-Day-Meal Scheme in the State of Bihar for all 38 Districts.

In order to avoid classroom hunger, increase school enrolment, increase school attendance and to address malnutrition, the Mid Day Meal Scheme (Now known as PM POSHAN YOJANA) is being implemented in the State for the children of classes I to VIII. In the State of Bihar nearly 118.20 lakh students of classes I to VIII are being served under Mid Day Meal Scheme.

The Mid Day Meal invites RFP from reputed company registered under Indian Companies Act 1956/2013, Society Registered under Society Act 1880, Voluntary Organisation, Consortium and Proprietorship to supply evening snacks under mid-day meal scheme to Government and Govt. aided schools covered under mid day meal scheme in state of Bihar.

The complete detail of RFP may be downloaded from e-proc2 website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in).

Mid Day Meal reserves its right to accept or reject any or all the RFP without assigning any reason there of

Sl. No	Milestone	Date and Time
1	Release of RFP	08/03/2024, from 10.00 AM
2	Pre-Bidders Conference @ the office of Director Mid Day Meal Scheme Budha Marg, Patna-01	11/03/2024 at 3.00 PM
3	Last date for submission of written questions by bidders only through email: mdrmbihar@gmail.com	11/03/2024, 3.00 PM
4	Response to the queries	11/03/2024, 5.00 PM
5	Last day to submit bid	15/03/2024, 4.00 PM
6	Opening of Technical Responses	15/03/2024, 4.30 PM
7	EMD through e-Proc On-line mode only	Rs. 3,00,000/-

Above RFP is e-Tender (RFP). The complete e-tender (RFP) document can be viewed/ downloaded from Bihar (Beltcon) e-Procurement portal [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) and bid shall be submitted online only at [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) by the prospective bidders. Bids submitted through any other mode i.e. including paper form shall not be entertained at any cost.

(Mithlesh Mishra)  
Director Mid Day Meal  
Education Department  
Government of Bihar, Patna

PR 019299 (B & C) 2023-24

**नरो री बर्बाने का हे एक ही उपचार, दुख संकल्प और परिवार से प्राप्त।**

## 4-yr-old killed in fire at C'garh hostel

A four-year-old girl died in a fire that broke out at a govt-run porta hostel in Chintakonta village in Awarapali region, around 40km from Maoist-hit Bijuapur district in Chhattisgarh, on Thursday. The staff and villagers evacuated 380 children from the hostel. What caused the fire is not clear yet, said police, adding that the hostel was razed to the ground. **TNN**

**OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI (Transport Cell)**  
Near Kutchery Chowk Ranchi-834001  
Ph. No. - (0651-2212674/2210495)

**Letter No: 102/Trans Date : 05-03-2024**

**CORRIGENDUM**

Please refer to NIT No. 72/Trans Dated -12-02-2024 (P.R. No.: 31888X) Request for Proposal for Selection of Fare Collection Agency and Service Provider for Implementation of Automatic Fare Collection System for city Bus service for RMC (4<sup>th</sup> Call) the following amendment has been made

Sl. No. Amendments Made by RMC  
Last date of bid submission: 20-03-2024 05:00 PM  
Opening date of technical bid: 21-03-2024, 05:00 PM

For details please visit [jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in). Other terms and condition will remain same as per the RFP

Sd/-  
Dy. Administrator,  
Raanchi Municipal Corporation,  
Municipal Corporation(23-24) D Ranchi.

PR 321623 Ranchi

**'APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person, Namely : Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 50 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Oval, Built : Thin, Wearing : Check shirt and Black colour pant has been found dead at Dnshti Coaching Center, in front of Metro Pillar No. 98 & 99 Divider, Delhi on 05.03.2024. In this regard a case vide DD No. 104A Dated 05.03.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at RML Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following -

SHO :  
P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi  
Central Distt., Delhi  
Tel. No. 011-28726870, 28720482,  
DP/2800/CD/2024 87500870430, 9910023236, 7827763950

**JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
(CIN - U40108JH2013-SGC 001702)  
Regd. Office : Engineering Building, H.E.C., Dhanuwa Ranchi-834004  
Telephone : -0651-2400799 & Fax : 0651-2400799  
<http://www.jbvnl.co.in> Email: ceer2018@gmail.com

**E-Tender Notice**  
NIT No.-538-PR-JBVNL 2023-24

E-tender for selection of full turnkey contractor for development of distribution infrastructure in Electric supply Division, Govindpur for an estimated cost Rs. 73.46 Crores under Loss Reduction of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) sanctioned by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.

SN	Details of Work
1	Development of distribution infrastructure like replacement of LT Conductor to AB Cable Erection of LT & 11kv line, installation of New DTR etc
2	Estimated Cost - Rs. 73.46 Crores (all inclusive)

Calendar of Events	
i	Date of Publication of NIT on website 05.03.2024 at 15:00 Hrs
ii	Last Date / Time for receipt of bids(online) 27.03.2024 at 15:00 Hrs
iii	Last Date / Time for receipt of offline documents in office of GVC(Coml.) 27.03.2024 at 16:30 Hrs
iv	Date and Time for Opening of Technical bid 28.03.2024 at 15:30 Hrs

The tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and should upload all relevant documents as mentioned in the tender document only through the e-tender portal website [www.jbvnl.co.in](http://www.jbvnl.co.in)

Sd/-  
General Manager  
(Coml.)  
PR 321608 Jharkhand Bijuee Vitran Nigam Ltd (23-24) D

**कार्यालय, सचिव, प्राविधिक शिक्षा परिषद, उत्तर प्रदेश, लखनऊ।**  
**शुक्र गोविन्द सिंह भार्गव, कांसमण्डी चौराहा, चारबाग, लखनऊ।**

**Corrigendum No.: 01 Dated: 04.03.2024**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) for Engagement of Investment Manager for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund – 2024**  
Ref:- E-Bid Reference no: 2024 -2

**Subject: Corrigendum to the Online e-Bid for "Request for Proposal (RFP) for the engagement of Investment Manager for Setting up of UP Innovation Fund"**

Particulars	Existing Bid schedule	Revised Bid schedule
Last Date & Time for submission of Bid	18.00 Hours (IST) of 04 March, 2024	18.00 Hours (IST) of 11 March, 2024
Date & Time of opening of Bid	05 March 2024 at 11.30 Hours (IST) or afterwards	12 March 2024 at 11.30 Hours (IST) or afterwards

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**A-1681**

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER  
TEL BASIN, BHAWANIPATNA, DIST. KALAHANDI  
E-mail ID: cetelbasin@nic@gmail.com/ Phone No. 06670-230209  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
E-Procurement Notice No.-CE&BM TEL - 18/2023-24  
Bid Identification No: CETEL- BID-18/2023-24

The Chief Engineer & Basin Manager Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites on-line percentage rate tender through e-procurement in double cover system.

**Table 1: Details of Critical Dates, details of work, Bid Security**

Phg No.	Name of works	Approx Tender cost	Class of Contractor	Bid Security/ EMD(online/BG) (in INR)	Cost of tender documents (online)- (in INR)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Instream Storage Structure across river Lanth near village Tustopali in the district of Bolangir	Rs. 120.95 or (Excluding GST)	Super Class	Rs. 12095438/-	Rs. 10,000/-	30 (Thirty) Calendar Months

**Table - 2 e-Procurement Details**

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender documents for bidding	Date of opening of tender	Date & Time of Opening of tender	Place of Opening
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna	CETEL- BID- 18/2023-24	18.03.2024 at 10:00 hours upto 17:30 hours	04.04.2024 at 10:00 hours	04.04.2024 at 11:00 hours	To be notified after evaluation of Technical Bid

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in)  
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The Corrigendum/cancellation of Tender if any will be uploaded and can be seen from the above website only

Sd/-  
Chief Engineer & Basin Manager  
Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna  
OIPR-32371/11/0022/23-24

**BJP leader gunned down in Jaunpur:** Secretary of Varanasi unit of BJP, Pramod Yadav (55), was shot dead in broad daylight by unidentified assailants in UP's Sikra area of Jaunpur on Thursday. Police teams have been formed to nab the assailants. **TNN**

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)**

Name of Work with its location	Provision of Electrical lifting barrier in place of mechanical lifting barrier in interlocked LC gates of station section Delhi division
Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.)	Rs. 1,44,15,817.85/- only
Bid Security (Rs.)	Rs. 2,22,100 00/-only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C Northern Railway, 3rd Floor Annex-1 DRM Office, New Delhi-110055
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading 07.03.2024 / closing date & time: 01.04.2024 up to 15:00 hrs
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website <a href="http://www.nrps.gov.in">www.nrps.gov.in</a> & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055
Tender No.	558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1418 Dated: 07.03.2024

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Mohd. Azhar, S/o Sh. Ghyasuddin, R/o E-15/C-1/20, New Seelampur, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 536741/16, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kotwall, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Mohd. Azhar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mohd. Azhar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mohd. Azhar accused of CC No. 536741/16, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kotwall, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.04.2024 at 10.00 AM.

By Order  
Ms. Divya Gupta  
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act)-02  
Central Room No. 05  
Ground Floor, Building Annex-1  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

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**Short e-Tender Call Notice for Procurement of Avocado Planting Material the Year-2024-25**

OSSC Ltd. invites e-Tender from Registered Private Nursery Owner Licensed from Director of Horticulture or any other Govt Institute or Licensed Suppliers dealing with Horticultural Planting Materials on item wise rate contract basis for Procurement of Avocado Planting Material for the year 2024-25 in double cover system through online mode only for the work below

Name of the work	Purchase of Avocado Planting Material for the year 2024-25
No of work	One
Availability of bid documents in portal	15.00 hours on dt.11.03.2024 to 17.00 hrs of dt.20.03.2024
Last date of receipt of tender in portal	17.00 hrs of dt. 20.03.2024
Date and time opening of Bid	10.30 hrs of dt. 21.03.2024

The detailed descriptions of crops, varieties, quantity, parameters, terms and conditions and other details of tender specified in the tender schedule would be made available in the e-Tender portal [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in). Any addendum / corrigendum/cancellation can also be seen in the said website

Sd/-  
Managing Director  
OSSC Ltd.  
OIPR-01106/11/0118/23-24

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**ASSAM STATE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
ANCILLARY BLOCK, ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-781005  
Phone. 0361-2237221 (O), Fax- 0361- 2237010; E-mail: sdma-assam@gov.in

**ECF No. 173178/217**

Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) invites bids in GeM (e-tendering system) for Engagement of Firm/Agency on Housekeeping Services for a period of 2 (Two) Years.

Detailed bid document may be downloaded from- <https://gem.gov.in/>

Gem Bid No	GEM/2024/B/4748004
Publication date and time	07.03.2024
Last date and time for submission of GeM bid	28.03.2024 14.00.00
Bid opening date and time	28.03.2024 14.30.00

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पत्रांक : वाई ई ए /GM(P) / 2024 / 902 दिनांक : 07.03.2024

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निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार / राज्य सरकार / केन्द्र शक्ति / अर्द्धशक्ति / सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्य का काम से काम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/कर्मों से ई-निविदाओं आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-प्रोक्वेस्टमेंटलेखन द्वारा निविदाएं डिजिटली प्रकटित से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : वाई ई ए /GM(P) / 2024 / 901 दिनांक : 07.03.2024 को अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्य में सविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ सैलान्टि (बीओएसएल) पर काले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी / परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मन्स गारन्टी एफडीओआर / सीओडीआर / बैंक गारन्टी / एनओएसओ को रूप में न्यूनतम सविदाकार द्वारा अनुबंध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सॉर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Earth filling near plot no-1466 at Sector-32 yeida Wc-03	₹ 23.56 लाख
2	Construction of Library Room in Village Bhatta & Parsoi yea Wc-06	₹ 43.78 लाख
3	Supply Installation Testing & Commission of Booster Pump at Hydro Abstraction well and laying of Rising Main from Hydro Abstraction well to Junction Point yeida Wc-04	₹ 52.22 लाख
4	Cleaning and Sweeping work in Tappal, Nurpur, Mevanangra nad Milak villages of YEIDA for one Year Wc-06	₹ 190.17 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 11.03.2024 से 21.03.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 22.03.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं०	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सॉर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
5	Construction of RCC drain Slab Covering 60mtr. & 45mtr. wide road in Sector-17A yeida Wc-01	₹ 323.59 लाख
6	Providing and Laying DBM & BC work on 24.0mtr. wide road in Pocket-I, J & 7A in Sector 18 yeida Wc-01	₹ 396.80 लाख
7	Internal Development work Sewer Road drain and water supply of 7% Abadi plot of Village-Mohammadpur Gujjar in yea Wc-01	₹ 1252.88 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 11.03.2024 से 26.03.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 27.03.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। महाराष्ट्र (परियोजना)

**Girl, 7, raped, hacked to death in MP**

A 7-year-old girl was raped, strangled and hacked to death allegedly by her cousin, 19, in Chhindwara district of MP on Tuesday. Police booked the accused under IPC and PoCSO Act. **TNN**



## Why Is Women Employment Low?

Latest Periodic Labour Force Survey shows improvement in women's employment and participation in the workforce, but they lag behind men in both these metrics

Lower education levels compared with men and social norms are the major factors behind lower employment of women

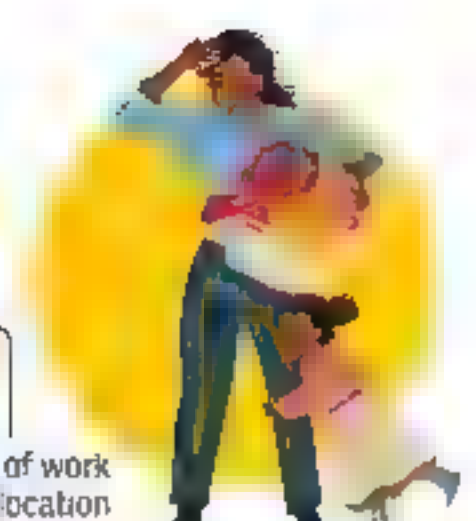
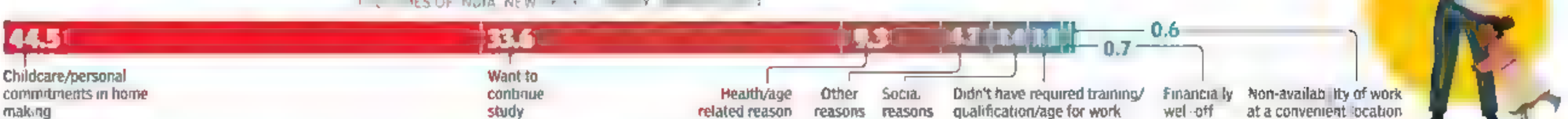
Women spend far more time on unpaid activities than men

## Reasons for women not being in workforce

(in %)

Source: Csis

# TIMES BUSINESS



# Tata Sons looking at debt rejig to avoid IPO next year

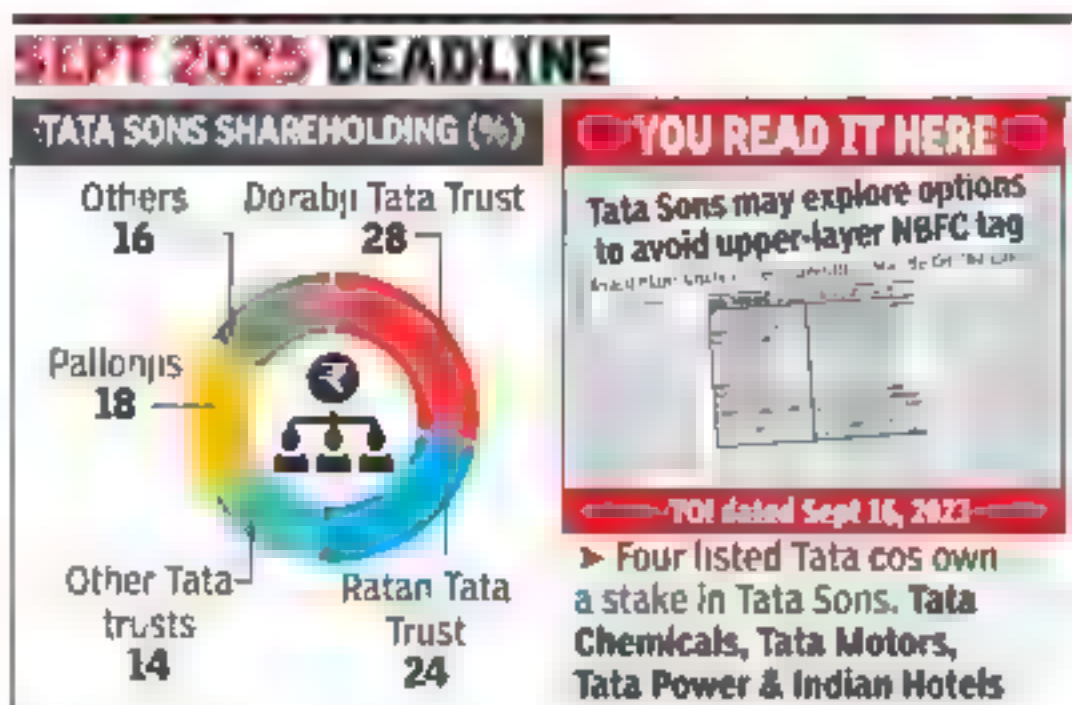
## Recast May Allow It To Lose RBI Tag That Mandates Listing

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Mumbai: Tata Sons, the holding company of the \$150-billion Tata Group, which needs to list by Sept 2025, is exploring the option of restructuring its balance sheet to get an exemption from an RBI rule mandated IPO.

RBI rules state that if a 'core investment company' doesn't own more than Rs 100 crore in assets and doesn't raise public funds (if it repays them or transfers them to a separate entity), then it "neatly sidesteps RBI's grip, freeing itself from being considered as a CIC and 'upper layer' NBFC, and is not required to go for a public listing", said a person familiar with the development. Tata Sons declined to comment.

Tata Sons is registered as a CIC with RBI and the banking regulator has classified it as an upper-layer NBFC, requiring it to follow a stringent disciplinary structure with a mandatory listing within three years of be-



ing notified. RBI came out with the notification for Tata Sons in Sept 2022.

While there is still time for Tata Sons to comply with RBI rules, the N Chandrasekaran-led company is exploring options of transferring its debt to a separate entity so that it is excluded from the 'upper layer' list, the person quoted earlier said. According to Tata Sons FY23 report, it has borrowings of Rs 20,000 crore.

According to a lawyer, a CIC is regulated by RBI only if two conditions are satisfied

First, if the CIC has an asset size of more than Rs 100 crore. Second, if it has raised public funds. If either of the conditions fail, then it is not required to be registered as a CIC.

Tata Sons has assets worth over Rs 100 crore and it will have to reorganise its debt by either repaying its borrowings and becoming debt free or transferring them to a separate entity, which will enable it to deregister as a CIC from RBI, the lawyer said.

Four listed Tata Group companies that own a stake in

Tata Sons saw a surge in their share prices in anticipation of the holding company's potential IPO. In Thursday's steady trading session, the stock price of Tata Chemicals rallied nearly 15% on the BSE and closed the session with a 11.6% jump at Rs 1,315. Tata Chemicals is expected to be the biggest beneficiary of Tata Sons' potential IPO.

"The only realistic way to get exposure to the potential value unlocking (of Tata Sons stake) is via Tata Chemicals wherein the ownership of Tata Sons potentially amounts to 80% of the company's market capitalisation. The stake is worth 16-21% of the market capitalisation for the other three companies (Tata Motors, Tata Power and Indian Hotels)," said investment banking firm Spark in a report. The report added that "should the street assign a Rs 10-11 lakh crore valuation to Tata Sons, the intrinsic valuation of Tata Chemicals is 5-7x FY25 PE, which could potentially re-rate should the investment be liquidated at/ or after IPO."

## Gangwal to offload 3.3% IndiGo stake for \$450mn

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Rakesh Gangwal, the outgoing promoter of leading domestic airlines Inter Globe Aviation that operates under IndiGo brand, is selling 3.3% stake in the company through block deals on Monday that could fetch him about Rs 3,730 crore (about \$450 million).

Gangwal plans to sell a little less than 13 crore shares of IndiGo at a floor price of Rs 2,925 per share — nearly a 6% discount to its Thursday closing price of Rs 3,102, term sheet for the deal showed. Morgan Stanley India, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities and JP Morgan India are managing the deal.

## Gangwal invests \$20mn in unicorn Zetwerk

Rakesh Gangwal, the co-founder of IndiGo Airlines, has invested \$20 million in unicorn startup Zetwerk. The funding has been routed through Wheelhouse Venture Capital, a US-based private investment firm run by his daughter Parul Gangwal.

"The fresh investment has been done at more or less the previous valuation," said a source aware of the development. Bengaluru-based Zetwerk, which runs a contract manufacturing marketplace, is valued at \$2.8 billion.

The company provides precision manufacturing solutions and manufacturing services to a range of industries, and plans to use the funds to build on its growth.

# Sebi bars JM Fin from managing bond offers

## Order Comes Days After RBI Put Curbs On Unit | Co Says It'll Cooperate With Probe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday barred JM Financial from taking on any new mandate to act as a lead manager to public issue of debt securities over its NBFC arm JM Financial Products' irregularities. JM Financial can, however, continue to manage issues that it has signed to execute, for the next 60 days, a Sebi order said.

On Thursday, Sebi in its order said that its routine investigations of some of the recent public issues of non-convertible debentures showed that in one offer, in which JM Financial was one of the lead managers, its NBFC arm had guaranteed returns to investors. Such guarantees are a violation of Sebi rules and hence the ban on JM Financial, the order said. Late in the evening, JM Financial told the bourses about Sebi's order and said that it will "fully cooperate with Sebi in this investigation".

The Sebi order against JM Financial came just two days after banking regulator RBI banned JM Financial Products from giving loans against shares, including financing of IPOs, after it observed several procedural irregularities by the entity. Soon after the RBI order was out, JM Financial had denied that there was any violation of ru-

les by its lending arm. Sebi is set to investigate this matter and will complete the same in the next six months. Thursday's order is an ex parte one, meaning a one-sided dictat without listening to JM Financial's side of the matter. Hence, Sebi has given the company 21 days to clarify to Sebi about the inside of the matter.

## 'Guaranteed Returns Violation Of Sebi Rules'

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had submitted their applications in the public issue for NCDs through the stock broker JM Financial Services, another group subsidiary of the JM Finance.

Since investigations showed that "JMPL had provided an 'exit' to all the applicants who had availed funding from it", the regulator further investigated the in-

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According to Sebi, in one of the public offerings that was open in October 2023, it was observed that JM Financial Products (JMPL) acted as counterparty to the trades of individual investors and had also provided the funds deployed by these investors for subscribing to the issue JMPL, subsequently, on the very same day, offloaded at a loss, a significant portion of the securities that it had acquired from these investors to corporate investors.

Sebi investigation also revealed that these investors

vestors who had availed loans from the NBFC Sebi found that there were 10 instances where investors with declared yearly income of less than Rs 5 lakh, were given loans of Rs 98 lakh each. Sebi also found that 47 other investors with declared yearly income of less than Rs 5 lakh, were given loans of Rs 9.8 lakh each.

There were several other discrepancies in the loan process, application forms, margining system, etc. in debt offers that JM Financial had managed, Sebi said.

# From Loans To Games: Slow Shift Underway In Man's World

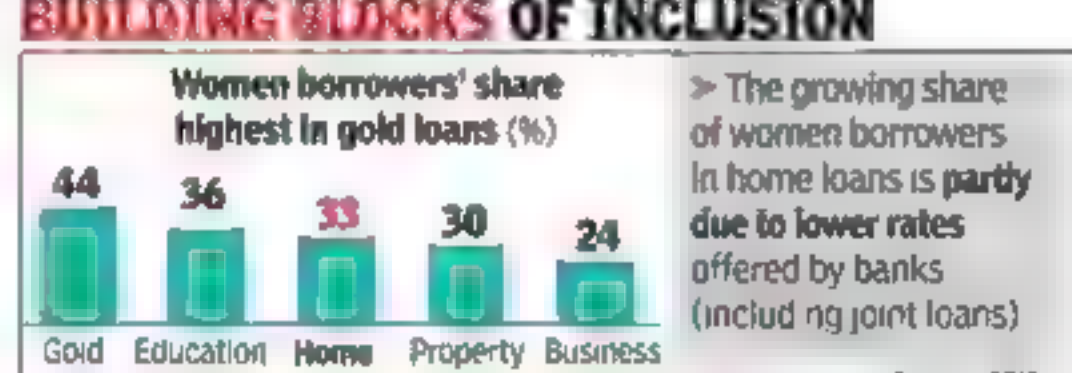
## Women's share in home loans grows

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Mumbai: The share of women home loan borrowers has increased marginally to 33% in 2023 from 32% in the previous year. Women's representation in personal, gold and education loans too has inched up, data from credit bureau CRIF High Mark showed.

The growing share of women borrowers in home loans is at least partly due to lower rates offered by banks (including joint loans). Besides promoting inclusion, this means that properties are jointly registered, providing added security to lenders.

Women account for 16% of personal loans, compared to 15% in the previous year and 43% of gold loans a rise from 41% in the ye-



ar-ago period. In education loans, 36% of all active accounts are of women, up from 35% a year ago. Despite the increasing representation of women among borrowers in significant sectors, their proportion in the number of active retail loans has declined. Their share in the total value of loans, however, has remained steady over the past 12 months concluding in Dec 2023.

The drop in women's share

stems from the business loan segment, where the ratio of women-men borrowers has dropped to 38:62 from 40:60 a year ago. As a result, share of women in the overall volume of retail loans has fallen to 24% from 25% a year ago.

Incidentally, after gold loans, the share of women borrowers is highest in small business loans, where women constitute 43% of the borrowers. The portfolio outstanding for women borrowers in two-wheeler and personal loans increased 26% year-on-year. Personal loans saw a 32% annual increase in active loans, while property lo-

ans grew by 39%.

Retail loan portfolio reached Rs 117.4 lakh crore in Dec, up from Rs 100.3 lakh crore in the year before — a 17% year-on-year growth. Women borrowers' share in retail loans remained stable at around 26%. Active women borrowers rose to 7.8 crore in Dec, up from 6.7 crore a year ago, with a 17.8% year-on-year growth. Male borrowers with active loans in Dec rose to 20.2 crore from 17.8 crore in Dec 2022, with a 13.1% year-on-year growth.

In terms of volume of loans, the business loan segment accounts for 6% of the total 59.6 crore retail loans. The largest retail segment in volume of accounts is personal loans (18% of retail loans), where the share of women borrowers has increased to 16% from 15%. In value terms, share of women in overall retail loans of Rs 117.3 lakh crore has remained unchanged at 26%.

## 41% of Indian gamers are women: Report

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: It's not just a man's world when it comes to gaming. The rise of female gamers and creators in India underscores a big shift in the gaming and e-sports landscape. A recent report by gaming fund Lumikai said 41% of Indian gamers are women. It surveyed 2,000 users and its data showed an increase in the number of gamers from non-metro cities.

"With more female gamers continuing to assert their place in this dynamic industry, they will inspire budding gamers and create an inclusive and welcoming space for players of all backgrounds to thrive," said 23-year-old Payal Dhare aka Payal Gaming, who has 3.4 million subscribers on YouTube.

# 'Career breaks tricky for women, pay gap persists'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Even as India Inc is wooing women in mid-management roles to re-enter the workforce with returnship opportunities, employers face some challenges in onboarding returnees. Talent advisory firm Longhouse Consulting's report showed that approximately 80% of working women in India take career breaks, with 45% citing childcare and personal commitments as primary reasons.

Women who have significant gaps in their resumes due to career breaks for caregiving or other personal/family reasons can be viewed as having a disadvantage, the report said.



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The talent advisory firm said that unconscious bias and stereotypes about women's commitment and capabilities after a career break can impact hiring decisions. It also said women returnees struggle to negotiate fair compensation and benefits after a career break.

Women have experienced limited opportunities for career progression or advancement compared to their peers who did not take a career break and that can be a deterrent. On the brighter side, companies are introducing flexible policies including extended childcare leave policies, remote and flexible working culture, gender-neutral caregiver leaves for new parents, and upskilling opportunities.

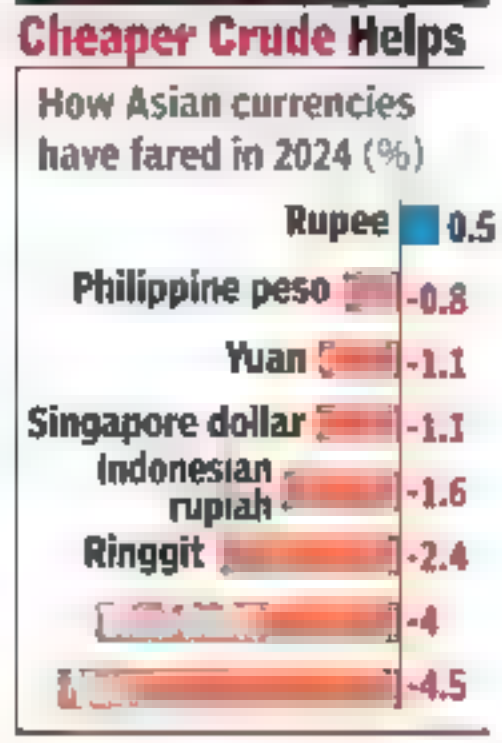
Women's participation in the workforce grew to 37% in FY23, a 13.7 percentage points increase in 2023 compared to 23.3% in 2018, the report showed. In India, around 25.6 crore women are employed, out of a total female population of over 69.2 crore.

# Re at 6-mth high, pips other Asian currencies this year

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The domestic currency outperformed other emerging market currencies this year, buoyed by lower crude oil prices, the practice of purchasing crude in rupees, and strong services exports that have helped maintain a manageable current account deficit. Additionally, the anticipation of significant foreign capital inflows, driven by the inclusion of Indragovind bonds in global indices, has further bolstered the local currency.

In 2024, the rupee, along with the Mexican peso, are among the only major emerging market currencies to ha-



ve gained against the dollar, registering a 0.6% increase. In contrast, the Thai baht, So-

uth Korean won, Taiwanese dollar, and Malaysian ringgit have weakened by 4.5%, 4%, 3.2%, and 2.6%, respectively.

"Resilient domestic growth, combined with a manageable trade deficit, has been supporting the strength of the rupee," said Aditi Gupta, economist at the Bank of Baroda, in a recent report. "This strength is further supplemented by robust foreign inflows, particularly in the debt segment. We anticipate this trend to continue into March '24."

According to a report by ICICI Securities Primary Dealership, RBI has many reasons to allow the rupee to strengthen in the coming weeks.

# Authority detects ₹1,000cr GST fraud

New Delhi: Meerut CGST Commissionerate on Thursday busted a syndicate that fraudulently claimed Input Tax Credit (ITC) of over Rs 1,000 crore through a network of 232 fake firms and arrested three persons. The anti-evasion branch of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) of Meerut Commissionerate started an investigation in October 2023 into a syndicate that fraudulently claimed ITC by way of fake billing, a statement said.

The investigation conducted so far has revealed that 232 fake firms, with 91 companies registered on a single mobile number, are registered at various places across the country and have passed inadmis-

sible ITC of around Rs 1,048 crore, it said. The total value of goods shown to be supplied through these firms is around Rs 5,842 crore, it said.

During the course of the investigation, it came to light that

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'Full Fledged Money Changer Companies' (FFMCs) were used for parking/routing of funds generated through fraudulent passes on ITC, it said. Further investigation revealed bulk purchases of around Rs 1,120 crore from two of such FFMCs from other FFMCs, it said. However, no record of further disposal/receipt of said foreign currency has been recovered during searches. AGENCIES

# Gold hits record high for 3rd day

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Hyderabad: Outdazzling itself with every passing day, gold scored a hat-trick of sorts on Thursday. The yellow metal's price in the international market vaulted to yet another record high for the third straight day at \$2,160-per-ounce, propelled mainly by US Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell's dovish stance on interest rates. Historically, interest rates in the US and gold prices have had an inverse relationship.

Following global cues, gold prices in the domestic market also surged to a new life-high level at Rs 65,587 per 10gm for 24K (999 purity) for April contract on MCX during the day. In the local market for physical gold bars, the price of the precious metal jumped by around Rs 500 and was quoting at around

Rs 65,650 (pre-tax) and Rs 67,270 (including GST). In Delhi's market, it was quoted marginally lower.

"Gold continued its upward march after US Fed chief Jerome Powell reiterated that the US central bank will most likely lower interest rates later this year. Weak US economic data and banking jitters all together pushed the US dollar and bond yields to a multi-week low, helping gold prices rally more than 3% so far this week," said Saumil Gandhi, senior analyst-commodities, HDFC Securities.

The northward march for the yellow metal is not expected to halt soon, feels Gandhi. He said that from a technical standpoint, the bullish trend is likely to continue as gold prices broke the previous resistance and are now in new territory. "Comex gold now has immediate resistance at \$2,180, \$2,200 level and support at \$2,119-\$2,094 level," he said.

# RBI signs pact with Bank Indonesia

Mumbai: RBI and Bank Indonesia (BI) on Thursday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote use of local currencies for bilateral transactions.

The MoU was signed here for establishing a framework to promote the use of local currencies — the Indian rupee and the Indonesian rupiah — for cross border transactions. RBI said in a statement. This framework would enable exporters and importers to invoice and pay in their respective domestic currencies, which in turn would enable the development of an INR IDR foreign exchange market.

"Use of local currencies would optimise costs and settlement time for transactions," RBI said. The MoU was signed by RBI governor Shakti Kantha Das and Bank Indonesia governor Perry Warjiyo. "The MoU on establishing a framework for cooperation... aims to promote the use of INR and IDR bilaterally," RBI said. AGENCIES



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I don't want a Women's Day where corporations and govts feel good about doing something cos they roll out pink cupcakes and speak up for their Little Women

—Melissa Browne, financial educator

# The WoMoney Question

Earning women are a necessary but not sufficient condition for rattling the male order

Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress' is the theme for this Women's Day, a recognition that women must have economic power if they're to be equal and independent. But it isn't so simple. Throughout most of human history, women were not independent agents. They had no assets or income of their own, and merely passed from their parental homes to their marital homes. They depended on marriage to survive. Men's work outside the home was undergirded by private toils of women. This shoddy transaction was justified by ideals of love and feminine duty, where women seemed to give a lot more than they got.

This system of separate and unequal spheres has crumbled in the last century. Women have organised and fought to be recognised as full humans, with the same range of choices men have. Obviously, money is important. No one can operate freely when materially dependent on someone else. Women need education, income, and resources to be their own persons.

But we shouldn't kid ourselves – that's not enough. Even when women make money, they are caught in a web of social and internalised expectations. Non-compliance is punished. Economic independence has not led to parity, it has even sharpened social and intimate backlash against women. In America, women either own or part-own nearly half of its firms, but this has not toppled the system of male power and status. In India too, a woman's earnings do not necessarily buy her freedom. It's assumed her money is for the household rather than for herself. Often, her financial success can be seen as a threat to her husband's masculinity, or rather, his dominion over her.

Recently, Bombay HC observed that if a married woman didn't want to do housework, she should have said so before getting married. That's just what society thinks. Even now, women put greater effort into caring for their homes and families, prioritising their family over their earning power. When a relationship breaks up, the man can walk out easily, having only been materially strengthened by the marriage, while the woman who had made financial and emotional sacrifices is left even more vulnerable. For all women's material advances, gender inequality endures. It disfigures romantic relationships, families and workplaces. It straitjackets men too, even though it is set up to serve men's interests. It is a system of domination that can only be collectively overturned.

# Who's A Running Dog?

How a state disses those it deems 'offenders', says a lot about the state, even if it doesn't realise this

Even chess great Garry Kasparov's Sicilian defence wouldn't be a match for this move from Moscow. Kasparov now finds himself on a Russian list of 'terrorists and extremists'. But then again, Moscow these days isn't mucking about. Mother Russia must be saved from all 'subversives' – whether they play chess or marbles. 'Strong nations', after all, signal 'strength' in part by dissing offenders, real or fervidly imagined.

**Colourful commies** | Ex-USSR was a master at this game. People could be convicted without actual crime for being 'bourgeois'. Worse was being a 'counter-revolutionary'. But Mao's China took it up a notch. You could be a 'capitalist roader', even when you were a card-carrying commie. Or, and this surely takes the cake, the state could charge you with being 'running dog of imperialism'. If these didn't fit, there was always 'class enemy' or 'rightist' to put you in the doghouse. China still loses its red cap over an 88-year-old 'splittist'.

**Too much insult bro** | The former Ottoman empire isn't far behind. 'Insult to the President of Türkiye' or 'trying to overthrow the constitutional order' may be vague charges, but can get you serious time in the cooler. What about Thailand's *lese majeste* law prohibiting insult or defamation to not just the monarch and the queen, but also heir-apparent, heir-presumptive or regent? Is that Bangkok's interpretation of 'the majesty of the law'?

**Public enemy to rowdies** | West too had its 'public enemy', handed down from Roman times, through the French Revolution, to 1930s America. But as with all things American, pop culture would later appropriate the tag and jiggy with it – Public Enemy is a hit hip hop group. Sadly, the Indian state, although all powerful, seems less imaginative when it comes to inventing colourful words for those who offend the state. Our blushes are spared by 'rowdies' and 'history-sheeters' – two so very Indian-English words.

# The Gandhi way

Even a Hindu Rashtra can be for everyone living in Hindustan. Look at Mahatma's concept of trusteeship

Jug Suraiya

With more than a touch of benevolent patriarchy befitting the father of the nation, Mahatma Gandhi appointed the rich as the 'trustees' of the nation as a whole, endowing capitalism with the saving grace of compassion, and making economic Darwinism stand on its head in an asaan of moral yoga in which the powerful protect the powerless.

Can such an altruistic Gandhian precept be extended as an assurance of minority rights being preserved and protected in India? Some powerful forces want India to be a Hindu Rashtra, in much the same way as in UK, where the monarch is also the head of the Church of England. Many constituents of EU are avowedly Christian nations. EU's charter implies its Christian orientation, which is perhaps one of the reasons why Türkiye still hasn't got membership of the bloc.

The enormous goodwill Lotus party has earned, following the building of Ram Mandir, has prompted it to proclaim its electoral rallying call of bagging over 370 Lok Sabha seats. For some commentators, this tally would be one more step towards getting country-wide legislative heft for amending the Constitution, by removing from it the words 'secular' and 'socialist', which were inserted in 1976 by Indira Gandhi.

Should that happen, will it further invigorate majoritarian assertiveness as manifested by self-appointed gau rakshaks and 'love jihad' vigilantism? Or, having had its upper hand ratified by constitutional mandate, might saffron supremacy be tempered by tolerance, born from the magnanimity that ought to go hand in hand with victory?

If the Holy Grail of a Hindu Rashtra is secured, will the Ram Rajya embrace not just a single community but the larger community that is all of Hindustan? That would be a trusteeship of which Bapu would unconditionally approve. But perhaps even more importantly, it would win the wholehearted endorsement of Maryada Purushottam, the Idea Man, himself.

# Boys Can't Keep Being Boys

Deep gender prejudices begin to be taught in childhood itself. Unlearning this toxic inequality is what women need from both society & institutions

Mihira Sood

Last week a young Spanish couple, who had ridden their motorbikes safely through 63 countries, was brutally assaulted while in India, and the woman gangraped.

This incident attracted widespread attention, with several social media users sharing their experiences of sexual violence in India. The Chairperson of National Commission for Women responded by accusing such users of defaming the country, displaying a remarkable degree of disconnect from the post she occupies. While India is certainly not the only country where sexual crimes occur, when someone bikes through 63 countries without incident, only to be raped when they reach India, it does occasion reflection.

It's tempting to view this solely as a law and order problem. But that implies these crimes are an anomaly, committed by outliers, and do not reflect our social mores. In fact, sexual crime is only the outward symptom of a deeper malaise that exists within us: As a society, we still cannot bring ourselves to treat men and women equally.

Theorists have posited that patriarchy originated with the beginnings of agricultural settler society, and the related rise in material wealth and private ownership of property. The desire to ensure transmission of wealth down generations created a need to control women's reproduction. For without that, there was no way to determine a child's parentage.

Thus began the strict policing of women's bodies, and the premium on women's chastity, creating a situation where the family's shame and honour rest on women, and their bodies become battlefields for men. This manifests in practices we see even today, such as desperation to marry off daughters at a young age, demand for dowry as an exploitation of that fear, son preference and female infanticide, honour killings, restrictions on basic personal freedoms.

Many readers may balk at this characterisation. Surely this describes other people, not us. But look closely, even at our seemingly egalitarian lives. The moment a child is



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born is marked with the announcement of its gender, colour-coded as pink or blue. An explosion of glittery unicorns vs trucks and guns is just the thin end of the wedge. It morphs into school subjects and activities that are equally coded for gender. Then come career options and household dynamics that are apparently determined by choice, but unfavourably replicate age-old patterns children have been tutored for their whole lives.

And through it all, we tell ourselves these preferences are innate. More disturbingly, we believe, and impart to our kids, that being calm, obedient, and diligent is just how girls are, while boys... will be boys.

Girls are taught that their most valuable currency is how they look, that their ultimate goal is marriage, that any career they develop along the way should be secondary to their husbands'. She works at his pleasure, she can't out-earn him, and she can never let her career

affect the standard of housekeeping and childcare that remain her sole responsibility.

Indian men are in the bottom five among countries where men contribute to housework. India also ranks among the bottom in women's health and economic participation. Women spend less on healthcare, fare worse in health and nutritional surveys, and number less than men.

While most surveys show a strong generic support for women's equality, when asked specific questions about equal pay, working mothers, right to choose one's own life partner, responses falter.

We fail to recognise that inequality is not just a question of different roles performed by different genders. It is also the driver of violence against women. Differential treatment that seems benign in one family, becomes menacing when multiplied by a billion. When women have fewer resources, less power, are less assertive, less visible in public life, it is not difficult to see how men can assault them with such impunity.

Our institutions then, can only reflect our society. Until we change, there is no political incentive for better governance on the gender front. Politics goes where electoral dividends can be reaped, and as long as our commitment to women's empowerment remains hollow, so will our polity's.

Look at the recent Uniform Civil Code passed by Uttarakhand. In the guise of women's rights, adult women cannot enter a live-in relationship without parental consent. According to a recent govt notification, married women require their husband's permission to use their maiden name.

Women are routinely being denied abortions, marital rape is still not a crime, and the petition to have it declared so is being vigorously contested by GOI in court. At least 21 MPs have cases of crimes against women pending against them. And if the 2019 election was anything to go by, we can expect more misogynistic rhetoric as the campaign intensifies.

Bottom line is that we are a country with deep gender prejudices and a truly poisonous masculinity culture our boys grow up in. We are all victims of it. We are also all culpable for it. Coming out of it will require deep and painful excavation of parts of us, which we would rather not confront. It will take uncomfortable conversations, a lot of listening, a lot of unlearning. That should be our commitment this Women's Day.

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# Sarkar Will Be Poor Company For Great Art

Housing National Museum's treasures in North-South Blocks is not a good idea. Both atmosphere and public access would be suboptimal. Let's think of an out-of-the-box idea for a new location

Gautam Bhatia

In the 1950s much of our modern architecture was so half-baked and thoughtless, it relied purely on gigantic size and a mishmash of classical or neoclassical motifs to get its garbled message across. Even today, structures like National Museum – along with Delhi's Sapru House and Reserve Bank – fail to elicit enthusiastic aesthetic support from artists, architects, and conservationists.

Now slated for demolition to make space for Central Vista's new administrative buildings, National Museum then may not be such a loss. Its real value however lies in the enormous wealth of historic art treasures it houses. GOI proposes to shift these into storage. Then once bureaucrats move to their new offices – into the refurbished interiors of North and South Blocks.

But are North and South Blocks suited to housing, displaying and storing one of the world's most varied historical collections?

It includes stone relics from Mohenjo Daro and Harappa, Gandhara art, Chinese silk hangings, delicate frescoes and leaf paintings, not to mention scores of anthropological and archaeological artifacts, craft pieces and jewellery. All these require specialised displays, temperature and humidity control, designated storage and security measures. Then there is the problem of providing public access in the city's most heavily guarded political arena. To allow the public to move freely in and around buildings of high security will doubtless be difficult, if not impossible.

What then can be a more suitable alternative? Rashtrapati Bhavan is the second largest residence of a head of state anywhere in the world. But the president's frugal occupation of the city's most expansive monument leaves the colonial construction grossly underutilised. A change in its function is not only justified by its significant size and location, but is also a

matter of economic expediency.

Lord Irwin, the first viceroy to reside there, had noted wryly that Rashtrapati Bhavan (then Viceroy House) reminded him of living in an ancient ruin from Crete. As a residence it is so outrageously oversized that most former presidents in fact choose to stay in the smaller guest wing, using the main building primarily for state receptions, and for housing international guests. With so little of it being used domestically, perhaps then the president's house could move to a smaller location like PM's new residence off Central Vista.

Wouldn't the 340-room building on a 320-acre estate, with its extensive gardens, outhouses, stables, staff quarters and offices, be better used as a museum for some of the world's most valuable antiquities?

Just consider the possibilities of converting it into the new National Museum. Four floors of 200,000 square feet, monumental halls like Durbar Hall and State Ballroom, not to mention vast extensions of loggias, vestibules, open courts and verandahs. Consider too, the labyrinthine basements, so densely filled with inner courts, corridors, and an endless warren of rooms, once used as paint and carpentry workshops, bakeries, china and linen stores, wine cellars, ice making, screening films for servants etc.

A maze of spaces so dispersed, it is easily possible to get lost there. Would that not provide just the right

atmosphere for multiple valuable displays of an important museum?

If that were to happen, where would it leave North and South Blocks? Do the structures have the potential to house similarly related functions like National Archives and National Library (currently in Kolkata)?

If so, these two institutions – along with National Museum – could become an altogether new public zone for archaeology, literature and art. An assembly of three culturally linked facilities, open to the public, to scholars and academics, to artists and historians. A precinct entirely independent of the political theatre nearby. A president napper in a small manageable bungalow down the road.

All this may sound too naive or outrageous. But the intention is merely to find a better home for National Museum. In doing so, also create a larger, more comprehensive and connected set of structures, similar to cultural institutions on Washington Mall and along Seine in Paris.

Such an attempt to do something for India's artistic heritage at the monumental scale of Central Vista – without in any way infringing on the current plan – would encourage a more active and imaginative cultural life. Plus emphatically state to the public what value govt places on the well-being of India's art and archaeology.

How this is achieved architecturally will need to be actively debated. The important thing is for the demolition of National Museum to actually create a great legacy for the public.

The writer is an architect

## Calvin & Hobbes



# When Goddess Uma Guided Devas To Know Brahmn

Pranav Khullar

When asked by a disciple "Kenesitam patati presitam manah" by whom and whose will is the mind directed towards objects in the opening lines of the Kena Upanishad, the teacher narrates a parable of three gods and the goddess. Placing it in the context of war, the story narrates how the righteous forces, devas, have prevailed over the violators, the asuras.

Now having won, devas are congratulating themselves and gloating over their victory and the special powers that enabled it. The story goes, therein appears a brilliant Yaksha form. Gods are taken aback at this luminous form and feel challenged by the radiance of this Being. They ask Agni to come forward and find out who this Being is. Agni introduces himself as a god with

the special power to burn and turn to ashes everything in the Universe. The Yaksha places a blade of grass in front of Agni and tells him to burn it, or else shed this vanity of strength. With all his skills, Agni is unable to burn the blade of grass and withdraws, his spirits deflated.

Gods then call upon Vayu to challenge and get to know this enigmatic Yaksha figure. Vayu too is called upon by the Yaksha to show his special powers. But with all his powers to blow away everything in his path, Vayu is unable to move the blade of grass, and retreats in despondency, his ego shattered.

Finally, Indra, the king of the gods, is exhorted to find out who this Being is, but even as he approaches the Yaksha, the Being disappears before his eyes.

Indra is bewildered at not even being asked by the Yaksha to show his powers. In his Bhasya on the Kena Upanishad, Adi Shankara alludes to the cause behind the sudden disappearance of the Yaksha figure, stating that Indra was the most vain of the gods, and the greater this vanity and self-absorption, the farther the divine grace drifts away from that person.

But as Indra stands rooted, perplexed at the turn of events, his jignasa, his desire to know this Being puts him in a reflective state of mind and gets the better of his self-absorption. And as his vanity gets subsumed in his seeking, Uma, the great Goddess, appears in front of him in a splendid form, shobhavati uma haumavati the

omniscient consciousness of creation. And tells Indra that the Being that had vanished was indeed Brahmn. In revealing the existence of Brahmn to him and devas, she guides them to the realisation that it is Brahmn alone which drove gods to victory over the Asuras and they are but instruments.

The power of Brahmn, the Kenopaniśad states, is to be intuited in every state of mind, Pratibodha-viditam-matam, as it is witness to all states of consciousness, and thereby Tadvanam, that which is most adorable. The teacher closes with two smiles of the way Brahmn is realisable, like, as in a flash of lightning, or like in the flapping of an eyelid. And Uma as the creative Prakriti impulse, guides us to understand the spiritual essence of this flash of Brahmn by removing the 'I-syndrome'.

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**Dharamshala:** The unraveling of the 'Bazball' ethos continues on Indian soil.

On Thursday, England were undone as much by the wristy genius of Kuldeep Yadav as their own frazzled minds. The restrictive fields set by Rohit Sharma added to England's dilemma.

What else explains the highly-strung Ollie Pope's maddening dance down the track to a flat, wide googly near the stroke of lunch? Or Johnny Bairstow's maverick cameo when there was an innings to be rebuilt? Or the edgy Ben Duckett's needless go at Kuldeep in his first over? That too after the openers had, by the skin of their teeth, survived a torrid and fascinating morning session of pace bowling from the luckless Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj.

The duo generated appreciable seam movement and a prodigious 2.4 degrees of swing, the most in this series, to set the stage for the spinners, who took all the wickets to fall.

In going from 100/1 to 175/5 to 218 all out, including a period in which they lost five wickets for eight runs in the



**Spinner's Fifer Snuffs Life Out Of England Innings On Day 1; India Well Ahead In Fifth Test**

hung in after being tied down early on to score 79 off 108 balls, looked like going on for a big one. Root, bolstered by a patient century in the previous Test in Ranchi, too appeared to be bucking the trend until he was set up by the wily Ravindra Jadeja with one that spun away and took the outside edge, planting the seed of doubt. The next one, a slider, caught Root plumb in front.

Ben Stokes's severe dry run with the bat, meanwhile, continued to mirror his team's middle-order frailties. The England captain has shown a tendency to sit deep in his crease, and another Kuldeep googly did the rest. In yet another unfathomable move, Bairstow, Root and Stokes all wasted England's reviews.

Ashwin dismantled the tail, picking up a nice four-wicket haul in his landmark 100th Test to follow up on England's nightmare afternoon session.

Kuldeep, though, was the story of the day. He showed just why he is rated as the most improved spinner in world cricket, putting extra revs on the ball, getting some bite and zip off the wicket, tossing it up, varying his pace, generating impressive turn and tying the England batters up in knots.

It looked a different surface when Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal calmly went about their business after the England innings had been dismantled in 57.4 overs. Denied the movement available to India's seamers early on, England were unable to build pressure, allowing the openers to hit through the line.

Both scored brisk yet composed half-centuries as India ended the day comfortably ahead at 135/1, going at 4.5 per over to show just how good the pitch was for batting. Jaiswal (57 off 58; 5x4, 3x6) continued to break new ground, becoming the second-fastest Indian to 1000 Test runs and the second ever after Sunil Gavaskar to score over 700 runs in a series of five or more Tests.

Jaiswal's youthful impetuosity eventually cost him his wicket, and it is now up to Rohit (batting on 52) and Shubman Gill to squeeze out the remaining life out of this contest, especially with the inexperienced showing in England's spin ranks.

Unless the England batters can pull themselves up by the bootstraps in the second innings, 'Bazball' appears in risk of being labelled a rather eccentric approach—a non-starter, even—in these conditions.

## SCOREBOARD

**England, 1st innings:** Z Crawley b Kuldeep 79, B Duckett c Gill b Kuldeep 27, O Pope lbw b Kuldeep 26, J Bairstow c Jurel b Kuldeep 29, B Stokes lbw b Kuldeep 0, B Foakes b Ashwin 24, T Hartley c Padikkal b Ashwin 6, M Wood c Rohit b Ashwin 6, S Bashir not out 11, J Anderson c Padikkal b Ashwin 0; **Extras:** (b2, lb1, nb2) 5; **Total: (57.4 overs) 218; FoW:** 1-64, 2-100, 3-137, 4-175, 5-175, 6-175, 7-183, 8-183, 9-218; **Bowling:** Bumrah 13-2-51-0, Siraj 8-1-24-0, Ashwin 11.4-1-51-4, Kuldeep 15-1-72-5, Jadeja 10-2-17-1.

**India, 1st innings:** Y Jaiswal st Foakes b Bashir 57, R Sharma batting 52, S Gill batting 25; **Total: (1 wkt, 30 overs) 135; FoW:** 1-104; **Bowling:** Anderson 4-1-4-0, Wood 3-0-21-0, Hartley 12-0-46-0, Bashir 11-2-64-1.

**712** Runs at 89.00 in nine innings scored by Yashasvi Jaiswal is a record by an Indian in a Test series vs England, overtaking Virat Kohli's tally of 655 (ave 109.16) in eight innings in 2016-17 at home.

**9** Tests taken by Jaiswal to race to 1000 runs — least taken by an Indian to achieve the feat. Sunil Gavaskar and Cheteshwar Pujara had held the record previously. They took eleven Tests each.

**26** Sixes hit by Jaiswal in the series, further improving his world record.

AGGRESSIVE  
CAPTAINCY  
REASON FOR ENG  
DOWNFALL: BINNY

**Dharamshala:** BCCI president and former India seamer Roger Binny feels that England skipper Ben Stokes' aggressive captaincy has been trumped by his Indian counterpart Rohit Sharma's patience and tactical nous in the ongoing series between the two teams. "Well, the captaincy of Ben Stokes so far he has been more aggressive, and I think that has been the (reason for their) downfall in the few Tests," Binny, who is here to watch the proceedings, said.

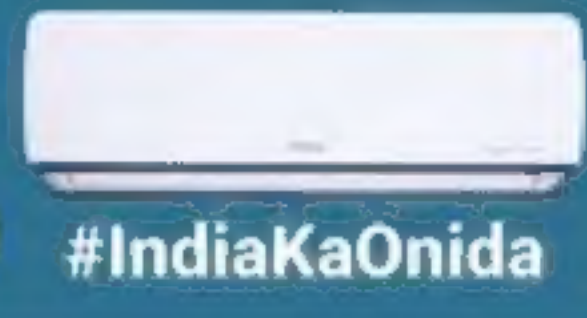
Binny is very impressed with the manner in which Rohit has waited for opportunities and the right time to pounce on the opposition. "Rohit Sharma again has been very tactful. You know he knew exactly what he wanted to do and he got his bowlers to do that." PTI

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**BIG MOMENT:** Kuldeep Yadav celebrates his five-wicket haul after dismissing Ben Stokes

giant approach of most England batters didn't help. Any team would have struggled on the day against Kuldeep (5/72 from 15 overs), but the profligate approach added to the problem. It was as if every England batter believed that a ball with his name would be up next and played accordingly.

Only Zak Crawley, who

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B Lara	WI	1995	6	10	765	85.00	3	3
G Sobers	WI	1966	5	8	722	103.14	3	2
G Smith	SA	2003	5	9	714	79.33	2	1
Y Jaiswal	Ind	2023-24	5	9	712	89.00	2	3
G Sobers	WI	1959-60	5	8	709	101.28	3	1

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar

## 1039

Rohit Sharma's run-aggregate at an average of 41.56 in 16 Tests to become the 10th Indian captain to complete 1000-plus runs. Virat Kohli tops with 5864 runs at 54.80 in 68 Tests.

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Test appearances at different grounds for James Anderson. He becomes the second England player after Joe Root to accomplish this feat. Root's unique 50 came in the Ranchi Test in this series.

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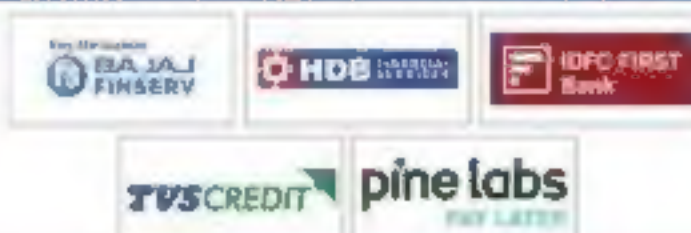
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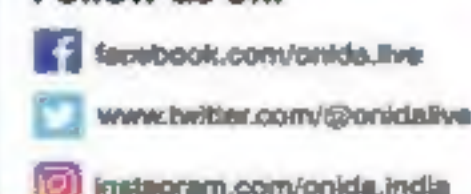
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# THE SPICE GIRLS

**T**his motley crew of teenagers and twenty-somethings has one thing in common - they are the emerging stars in the Indian sports firmament. Every day is Women's Day as they smash a six, execute a deceptive drop, aim for the bullseye, clear every hurdle, launch a massive jump or, simply, swing for glory. TOI shares a few short stories, and hopes for a long list of achievements...



**LIFT-OFF:** Haryana teen Anmol Kharb stepped into the limelight at the Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia

## Badminton

**ANMOL KHARB (17 years)**



Anmol Kharb has emerged as the big hope for Indian women's badminton. Her sensational performance in India's historic gold medal-winning run at the Badminton Asia Team Championships has provided the shuttle fans belief that she can follow in the footsteps of Saina Nehwal and PV Sindhu. Had it not been for Anmol's powerful strokeplay, technical skill and mental fortitude, India wouldn't have been able to clinch its maiden gold in Shah Alam. The 17-year-old from Haryana's Faridabad played three matches in the Asian meet and won all of them, defeating more experienced and higher-ranked opponents. But what made the success sweeter was the fact that all her wins came in the decider, including the final. Anmol was always meant to achieve bigger things, becoming the India No. 1 in both the under-17 and 19 age groups. She became the women's singles national champion at the age of 16. Last year, she was selected to be a part of the senior team for the Asian championships.



## Cricket

**KIRAN NAVGIRE (29 years)**

Kiran Navgire burst into the limelight after becoming the first Indian to score more than 150 runs in a T20 match. Playing for Nagaland, she smashed an unbeaten 162 off just 76 balls against Arunachal Pradesh in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy at the ACA stadium in Barsapara on April 15, 2022. Her innings was decorated with 16 sixes and 10 fours. She followed her breathtaking performances with a stroke-filled 69 off 34 balls in the Women's T20 Challenge, playing for Velocity against Trailblazers. Her sensational knocks at the domestic level led to Women's Premier League (WPL) franchise UP Warriorz acquiring her for Rs 30 lakh (base price) at the first-ever WPL auction. Before making cricket her full time career, Navgire has won medals in athletics and javelin throw at local age-group and state-level tournaments.



## Shooting

**ESHA SINGH (19 years)**

Esha Singh scripted history at the Hangzhou Asian Games last year when she became the first Indian female shooter to win four medals in a single edition of the multisport event - gold in 25m sports pistol team and three silver in 25m sports pistol individual, 10m air pistol individual and 10m air pistol team. Her show formed the cornerstone of India's best-ever haul across the Games, with the country's shooters bagging as many as seven gold, nine silver and six bronze to finish with 22 medals. She later partnered with Shiva Narwal to secure gold in the 10m air pistol mixed team event at the 2023 World Championships in Baku. Continuing her good run of form, the 19-year-old daughter of a rally driver from Hyderabad, secured India's 15th quota place for the Paris Games, winning gold at the Asian qualification tournament.



## Athletics

**JYOTHI YARRAJI (24 years)**

Jyothi Yarraji's indomitable spirit can fly past any hurdle of life. India's fastest woman hurdler, who comes from a humble background, has rewritten the national record in the 100m hurdles, which stood for nearly two decades before it was broken in May 2022, thrice, and then in October 2022. She stamped her class at the international level when she claimed a silver in the 60m hurdles at the Asian Indoor championships, clocking 8.13s at Astana last year. She then rewrote history books after becoming the first Indian to breach the sub-13 second barrier by clocking 12.79s at National Games last year. At the Hangzhou Asian Games, she won a silver in the 100m hurdles. Earlier this year, she bettered her own national record by sprinting 8.12s in the 60m hurdles to secure a gold at the Asian Indoor Championships which was held in Tehran.



**SHAILI SINGH (20 years)**

Shaili Singh is being considered as the rightful successor to the legendary Anju Bobby George. The Jakarta Asian Games gold medal winner, who had jumped 6.55m to stand on top of the podium, is currently ranked as the top long jumper in Asia. The 20-year-old came remarkably close to breaking her mentor Anju's long-standing national record of 6.83m, with a jump of 6.76m at the India Grand Prix in Bengaluru last year. Raised by a single parent, mother Vinita Singh, in Uttar Pradesh's Jhansi, Shaili started running barefoot and "would often return home with blisters on her feet." "My mother would weep at the sight," Shaili once recalled. She burst into the limelight after winning silver (6.59m) at the Under-20 World athletics championships in 2021 before securing her first senior international medal when she claimed another second-place finish at the Asian meet in 2023.



## Golf

**AVANI PRASHANTH (17 years)**

Ever since golf returned to the Olympic fold, rubbing shoulders with the best and competing at the biggest sporting extravaganza has been teen wonder Avani Prashanth's dream. The 17-year-old golfing sensation has made rapid strides in her quest to get there with a clutch of impressive performances in the last couple of years. With the Olympics in her sights, the Bengaluru-based teenager, who made the Indian team for the Hangzhou Asian Games, has dominated the amateur circuit in the country. She went on to win the Queen Sirikit Cup in Manila early in the year - the only Indian to do so in its 43-year history. Avani now feels she is ready for the Olympics.

—Compiled by Sabi Hussain

## GALLERY

### Teen shooter accidentally fires at physio

**New Delhi:** Accidental firing by a teenager shooter left a physiotherapist with a broken jaw that required an emergency surgery to dislodge the pellet during an tournament in Chennai, making it the third serious breach of safety norms in Indian shooting this year. After a shooter lost his thumb while filling the cylinder of his pistol in Faridabad recently and a rifle exponent pointed her gun towards the spectators gallery during the Nationals here, a shooter from Bengal accidentally shot a physiotherapist in her hotel room in Chennai early this year. The pellet got lodged in physio's jaw and was removed after an emergency surgery at a private hospital.

**Israel's Olympic status not in question, says IOC prez:** Israel faces no threat to its Olympic status ahead of the Paris Games despite the conflict in Gaza, IOC president Thomas Bach confirmed Wednesday. Some of the scattered calls Israel has faced for sporting sanction since October have come from Russia, which is isolated in world sports because of its invasion of Ukraine. Bach's frustration with Russian government and sports officials was clear in a one-hour online call with invited international media.

**'Employee who accused Horner suspended':** The Red Bull Racing Formula 1 employee whose complaint sparked an investigation into alleged misconduct by team principal Christian Horner has been suspended, a person with information on the matter told AP. The person requested anonymity because Red Bull has revealed no details of the investigation. AGENCIES

## ACTION TODAY

**BADMINTON:** French Open, QFs, 2.30 pm & 9.30 pm (Jiocinema)

**CRICKET:** India vs England, 5th Test, Day 2, 9.30 am (Jiocinema); WPL, Delhi vs UP, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

**FOOTBALL:** ISL, Jamshedpur FC vs Mumbai City FC, 7.30 pm (Jiocinema)

## In fitness of things, Kuldeep steals the spotlight

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**Dharamshala:** Milestones don't matter, wickets do. Kuldeep Yadav, having just raced to 50 Test wickets in the second-quickest time in cricket history, was handed this important lesson from his senior spin partner Ravichandran Ashwin here on Thursday. Time will tell if it was a rare passing-of-the-mantle moment, but as the Indian players trooped off the field after England's innings here on Thursday, the ball was tossed to Ashwin to keep and lead the team off the field. It seemed fitting, except Ashwin didn't agree. Having just taken four wickets in his 100th Test, the veteran off-spinner instead tossed the ball to Kuldeep, who had snared 5/72 to break England's back. Never one for the spotlight, Kuldeep quickly handed it back, and Mohammed Siraj was seen cajoling Ashwin to accept the offer.

Ashwin was having none of it, and after some hard convincing, it fell to Kuldeep again to show off the ball to the crowd with a shy smile on his face. It was a rare peek into the camaraderie and mutual respect which has enabled India's spinners to keep their home soil an unbreachable fortress.

This has been a groundbreaking series for the left-arm wrist spinner, not least because he has played four Tests in succession in a career which has seen him play just 11 Tests before this since debut in 2017. That debut, incidentally, was here in Dharamshala, marking a line in the sand for this special talent.

It was back in the 2019 Sydney Test that then-coach Ravi Shastri had marked Kuldeep out as India's lead spinner in



**HIS TURN:** After some hard convincing, Kuldeep Yadav accepted the honour of leading the team off the field

overseas Tests, but sporadic selection, a knee injury and the fading away of his white-ball partnership with Yuzvendra Chahal meant Kuldeep was in serious danger of not living up to his potential.

He has since remodelled his game, adopting an action and run-up which enables him to vary his trajectory and pace, all while putting less pressure on his knee. "I put in a lot of hard work after my surgery in 2021. I worked on my pace, which is very important while bowling in India," Kuldeep said.

"If you bowl at a certain speed and change your pace, it gets difficult for the batters. Now I am mature, I don't think too much about taking wickets. I try to stay relaxed. It has been seven years since my debut. I understand my game better now. I know how to read the wicket."

"Bowling is all about fitness. I've worked a lot on my fitness in the last 18 months. I've been able to make changes in my technique because of increased fitness."

It was very challenging. It took me six to eight months to find that rhythm with a new action. Even in Rajkot and Ranchi (in this series), I've bowled longer spells."

Of course, it would be fair to say Kuldeep has blossomed under captain Rohit Sharma. On Thursday, it was insightful to see how neatly he now fits

into the team dynamics, and so interesting to watch Rohit and wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel guide the spinner. Like before the Bairstow dismissal, when Rohit said, "Hawa mat de (don't give the ball air)." Or before the Ollie Pope stumping, when Jurel warned him, "Badhega aagay, badhega aagay (he will step out, he will step out!)"

"Pope prefers stepping out and wants to dominate. He just stepped out a bit early," Kuldeep said.

That a bowler of Kuldeep's abilities finds himself relegated to third spinner behind Ashwin and Jadeja speaks volumes of India's current spin riches. While that doesn't change for now, Kuldeep has showcased his match-winning abilities repeatedly at home against a formidable opponent, with promise of more to come.

On becoming the fastest Indian to 50 Test wickets, Kuldeep said, "I don't think about records. A Lot of players don't get opportunities, so I'm just grateful. I've played a lot with Ash and Jaddu bhai. In Hyderabad, I had a long chat with Ashwin and he told me about the changes I need to make in my mindset. He gives a lot of ideas. I hope they play for a long time."

And did he keep the ball or return it to Ashwin? "He said he already has 35 balls, and asked me to keep this one."

**5/72** Kuldeep has produced his fourth five-wicket haul in Tests. He has now recorded one instance of five wickets in an innings against four different opponents - one each against West Indies (2018), Australia (2019), Bangladesh (2022) and England (2024).

**1871** Balls taken by Yadav to complete 50 wks - the quickest by an Indian bowler in Tests for this milestone, outstripping the 2205 balls taken by Axar Patel. **Stats:** Rajesh Kumar

### ERASMUS DRAWS CURTAIN ON UMPIRING CAREER

**Dubai:** South Africa's Marais Erasmus will retire from international umpiring after officiating in the second and final Test between New Zealand and Australia in Christchurch starting on Friday. The 60-year-old Erasmus' long career as an umpire began in 2006.

The second Test between Australia and New Zealand will be his 380th as an official - 131 of them as TV umpire. The Christchurch Test will be Erasmus' 82nd men's Test match as umpire, putting him 10th on the list of umpires to officiate in most Test matches.

### KARTHIK TO END IPL CAREER AFTER 2024 EDITION

**Dharamshala:** India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik is set to make his last IPL appearance in the 2024 edition beginning on March 22, and he will decide on his international retirement after the T20 league. The 38-year-old, who is currently contracted with RCB, has played in all the 16 editions of the IPL since 2008 and has only missed two matches. **PH**

## Padukone in her corner, Sindhu in QFs after six months

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**P**V Sindhu reached her first quarterfinal in six months and showed signs of getting back to her best. The 28-year-old ousted Beiwen Zhang of USA 13-21, 21-10, 21-14 in the second round of the French Open Super-750 tournament in Paris on Thursday. However, it was curtains for Kidambi Srikanth, who lost to Lu Guang Zu of China 21-19, 12-21, 20-22.

The last time Sindhu made it to the quarterfinals was on Oct 19, 2023 at the Denmark Open. She was nursing an injury since she limped out of the second round match at the French Open last year and returned to the circuit last month to lead India to their first ever Asia Team Championship title.

In between, Sindhu shifted her base to Bangalore to train with Indonesia's Agus Santoso under the watchful eyes of the legendary Prakash Padukone. India's first All England champion Padukone was in the coach's seat after a gap of 25 years and was heard giving some important tips to Sindhu during the match against Zhang. Even when Sindhu struggled in her first round match against Michelle Li on Wednesday, Padu-

kone was seen advising her to serve high, stay calm and wait. It helped as Sindhu worked her way into the match.

On Thursday too, Sindhu was outplayed in the first game but bounced back.

She looked agile on the court and retrieved everything. In the second game, Sindhu widened the margin from 9-8 and won it with a big margin. Though Zhang put up a good fight in the second half of the third game, Sindhu was in control. In the quarterfinals, she will face the winner of the tie between Chen Yu Fei of China and Line Christoffersen of Denmark. Sindhu thanked Padukone for helping her. "And what it makes even more special is having a true legend of Indian badminton by my side, taking on a coaching assignment after 25 years just to be in my corner! Prakash sir, I hope this is just the beginning of many more memorable moments together," Sindhu posted on X.

**BAL announces rewards** Meanwhile, the Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced a cash incentive of Rs 1.12 crore for top performers. The women's team that won the Asia Team Championships will get Rs 35 lakh and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty Rs 12 lakh for the Asiad gold.

## 'Sports quota jobs to youth not good'

**New Delhi:** Top Indian high jumper Tejaswin Shankar has questioned the sports ministry's decision to make Khelo India medal winners eligible for government jobs, saying it may prompt athletes to use "unfair means" as the policy seeks to reward single achievement over consistent performance.

Sports minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday announced that the medal winners from the Khelo India Games - Youth, University, Para and Winter Games - would be eligible for government jobs as per a revised criteria.

Shankar, who won a high jump bronze in the 2022 Commonwealth Games and a decathlon silver in the Hangzhou Asian Games last year, was not amused with the deci-

sion but acknowledged that his views can be considered an "unpopular opinion".

"If we want to be a sporting superpower we can't normalize giving out sports quota jobs to youth/junior athletes. Needs to be a criteria eg: 3 years of consistent medals at nationals or 5 years of being in top 8 nationally etc.," he wrote on X in a series of posts.

"... incentive to resort to unfair means is really high when you have a govt job at hand and all you have to do it (sic) medal once at age group level nationally. We need to reward consistency not spikes in performance," said the national record holder.

He, however, did not specify the exact nature of the unfair means that aspirants may resort to. **PH**

## Mumbai Indians drub UPW to get back to winning ways



**BIG WIN:** Mumbai Indians celebrate the wicket of Grace Harris on Thursday

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**New Delhi:** Mumbai Indians put their campaign back on track with a comprehensive 42-run victory over Uttar Pradesh Warriorz in a mid-table clash in the Women's Premier League (WPL) here on Thursday. Opting to bat first on

a newly-laid surface at the Arun Jaitley stadium, Nat Sciver-Brunt's 45 and Amelia Kerr's 39 helped MI set a target of 161. In reply, UPW could manage to score 118 for nine as MI bowlers maintained a disciplined line and length. For UPW, Deepthi Sharma turned out to be the lone bright spot with a fighting 36-ball 53.



# DEAL SEALED

Real Madrid Advance To Quarterfinals  
After 1-1 Draw With Leipzig

**Madrid:** Real Madrid withstood an onslaught from RB Leipzig to secure a 1-1 draw in the second leg of their Champions League last-16 tie that sent them through to the quarterfinals with a 2-1 aggregate victory on Wednesday.

RB Leipzig were arguably the better side and missed several gilt-edged chances. But Real Madrid increased the tempo in the second half and ultimately did enough to seal their place in the last eight.

Bidding for a record-extending 15th Champions League title, Real took the lead thanks to a Vinicius Jr strike from a counter attack in the 65th minute.

But Leipzig's Willi Orban levelled the score three minutes later with a header to set up a tense final few minutes that included a strike that hit the crossbar by Dani Olmo. Even though Real have a formidable record in Europe, having been knocked out in the round of 16 only twice in the past 14 years while winning the title five times during that period, Carlo Ancelotti's team began rather cagily. Leipzig kept threatening to score, with Orban missing twice in the second half after shooting wide.

In the second half, Rodrygo replaced Eduardo Camavinga and suddenly Real were playing with more purpose.

Real appeared to have put the tie to bed when Toni Kroos stole the ball and fed Jude Bellingham at the halfway line, who took the ball up the Leipzig box.

He slipped a pass to Vinicius, who had cut in from the left into the centre circle before rifling a shot into the left-hand corner. That goal only seemed to fire up Leipzig, who equalised within three minutes when Orban got in front of Nacho to score with a stooping header from a cross by David Raum. In a final 20 minutes in which several yellow cards were handed out, Real were playing with fire and were under repeated pressure in their own box with goalkeeper Andriy Lunin, who had already saved Real in the first leg, forced to make several crucial saves. **REUTERS**

Real Madrid 1 (Vinicius 65) Leipzig 1 (Orban 68): Real Madrid win 2-1 on aggregate



**TWIN TROUBLE:** Real's Jude Bellingham (L) and Vinicius Junior in action against Leipzig's Yussuf Poulsen

MATCH STATS		
Real Madrid		Leipzig
54	Possession %	46
11	Shots	20
3	On Target	4
3	Corners	8
12	Fouls	15

## All calm in the City

**Manchester:** Pep Guardiola said Manchester City have earned their place among the perennial contenders for Champions League glory after reaching the quarterfinals for a seventh consecutive season on Wednesday.

Guardiola could even afford the luxury of resting a host of star names in a 3-1 victory over FC Copenhagen at the Etihad that completed a 6-2 aggregate rout.

Goals from Manuel Akanji and Julian Alvarez killed the tie as a contest inside 10 minutes before Erling Haaland drilled in his 29th goal of the season.

Mohamed Elyounoussi briefly

reduced the Danish champions' deficit to 2-1 on the night, but Copenhagen were outclassed over two legs as the European champions remain on course for another treble. City conquered Europe for the first time in the club's history last season, but Guardiola acknowledged his side are now seen as favourites for the competition ahead of the likes of Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

Man City 3 (Akanji 5, Alvarez 9, Haaland 45+3) FC Copenhagen 1 (Elyounoussi 29): Man City win 6-2 on aggregate

The English champions have not lost a Champions League game at the Etihad since 2018 and became the first side in the competition's history to score three or more goals in nine consecutive home games.

"The important thing is being there (in the quarterfinals) seven years in a row, it's quite impressive," said Guardiola.

"We are well-respected from our opponents. The numbers are there - our consistency."

"I remember when I arrived, we didn't believe, the club didn't believe we could do it because we didn't have the hierarchy in Europe like teams in Spain or Germany. It was a question of time, a process. **AFP**

MATCH STATS		
Man City		Copenhagen
69	Possession %	31
12	Shots	11
3	On Target	2
4	Corners	4
5	Fouls	9

**22** City are now unbeaten in their last 22 UEFA club competition matches (W16 D6). This is an English record which was previously held by West Ham (17 unbeaten).

**4** Pep Guardiola's side have become just the fourth team to win ten games in a row in this competition, after Real Madrid (a run which ended in February 2015) and Bayern (a run of 15 until November 2020 and a ten-game run until November 2013).

## ISL: Bagan cry 'boycott' amid ticket pricing row

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exclude VIP seats.

**Kolkata:** A couple of days after a cloud of uncertainty was lifted over Sunday's derby at the Salt Lake Stadium, the Indian Super League clash between East Bengal FC and Mohun Bagan SG is starting at a fresh controversy.

Highlighting a disparity in ticket pricing, Mohun Bagan club has urged its fans to "boycott" the match.

East Bengal FC under investor Emami Group are hosts of the ISL's second-leg derby. The first-leg fixture, organized by Mohun Bagan SG, ended 2-2 on February 3.

As per the vendor website, BookMyShow, a fan in the designated East Bengal stands can buy tickets in the denominations of Rs 100, Rs 150, Rs 200, Rs 300 and Rs 400, while prices for the away (Mohun Bagan) stands include denominations of Rs 250, Rs 300, Rs 350, Rs 400 and Rs 500. These

fans higher than home fans to watch the same match is common across the globe, in Indian football's context, a host club usually maintains parity in terms of ticket pricing for both sections of fans. "This is a shameful incident we are witnessing in the history of the famous Kolkata Derby," Mohun Bagan club secretary Debashis Dutta said in a statement on Thursday.

"We unequivocally condemn the unsportsmanlike behaviour of East Bengal and have decided that we will neither buy nor sell any tickets of the derby match..." Dutta said.

Efforts to contact East Bengal investor Emami remained unfulfilled. Dutta's threat for a "boycott" has come close on the heels of doubts over Sunday's fixture because of a Trinamool Congress rally in the city on the same day. It was later announced on Tuesday that the match would start at 8.30pm in the evening.

## ODISHA FC GO DOWN IN AFC CUP

**Kolkata:** Up against one of the top Australian sides in the continental encounter, Odisha FC had their task cut out.

Needing to play out of their skin to pull off any upset, Odisha's job was made even tougher with heavy legs and jet-lagged bodies. The result was a 4-0 thrashing at the hands of Central Coast Mariners FC in the first leg of AFC Cup Inter-zonal Semifinal at Industree Group

Stadium in Gosford City on Thursday. Mikael Doka scored a brace (36', 77' (P)) while Storm Roux (52') and Ronald Barcellos (89') added one each for the A-League side to inflict the heaviest defeat on Kalinga Warriors in recent times.

Despite almost equal share of possession, Odisha could manage only seven shots, and just one on target, which summed up the plight of the Indian Super League (ISL) leaders against the hosts, who were clearly the superior side on the day. **—Sourav.M@timesgroup.com**

## INDIAN WELLS: RAFA NADAL'S PULLOUT HANDS SLOT TO 'LUCKY LOSER' NAGAL

**Indian Wells:** Sumit Nagal has advanced to the main draw of the BNP Paribas Open as a 'lucky loser' after Spanish superstar Rafael Nadal

withdrew from the event citing lack of readiness to play at the highest level. The 26-year-old Nagal had lost in the second round of the qualifying tournament but got the big break as he was the highest ranked player in that draw. He is currently placed 101st in the ATP rankings and was entitled to go through in case of a last-minute main draw withdrawal. The Indian will take on Canada's

Milos Raonic, a 2016 Wimbledon finalist who is on protected rankings. Players injured for a minimum of six months can seek a protected ranking, which is an average of their ranking during the first three months of injury.

Earlier, Nadal, 37, announced his withdrawal in a statement. The Spaniard has been battling injury issues and was forced to undergo a hip surgery last season.

"It is with great sadness that I have to withdraw from this amazing tournament. Everyone knows how much I love to play here at Indian Wells," he said. Nagal broke into the ATP top-100 last month on the back of his title win in the Chennai Challenger event. **PTI**

## BRIGHTON FANS IN ROME HOSPITAL AFTER STABBINGS

**Rome:** Two Brighton fans are in hospital in Rome after being stabbed on the eve of their team's Europa League match in the Italian capital.

According to Italian media, a restaurant worker called police shortly after midnight on Wednesday

saying two fans came in asking for help after being stabbed nearby.

One had three wounds to his left thigh, while the other was stabbed in the right thigh. They had also allegedly had a backpack stolen that contained a wallet and documents.

## IN PAK, THERE'S NO NEW JAVELIN FOR NEERAJ RIVAL NADEEM

**Karachi:** Arshad Nadeem, Pakistan's lone hope for a medal in this year's Olympic Games in Paris, said on Thursday he has not been able to get a new international standard javelin for many years.

Nadeem who recently underwent surgery for an elbow problem said he owned just one javelin and had been using it for



the last seven-eight years. "It has now got to a stage where the javelin is damaged and

I have asked the national federation and my coach to do something about it before the Paris Olympics," he said.

"When I started off in 2015, competing in international events I got this javelin," he recalled.

The reigning Commonwealth Games champion, Nadeem had skipped last year's Asian Games in Hangzhou, citing a knee problem.

## CORPORATE BUZZ

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### Minister dedicates to the nation 201 CNG stations

Taking a significant step towards building a natural gas-based economy as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep S Puri, dedicated to the nation 201 CNG stations across 17 states and India's first small-scale LNG unit at Vijaipur (Madhya Pradesh). The dedication was done through video conferencing at a



function in the presence of MoS, Petroleum and Natural Gas & Labour and Employment, Rameshwar Tell; Secretary, MoPNG, Pankaj Jain; C&MD, GAIL (India) Limited, Sandeep Kumar Gupta; Addl Secretary, MoPNG, Praveen Mal Khanooja; GAIL Director (Finance) R K Jain; Director (Projects) Deepak Gupta; Director (Marketing) Sanjay Kumar; Director (Business Development) R K Singhal; and senior officials. The CNG stations have been set up by 15 city gas distribution entities of GAIL group in 52 geographical areas, while small-scale LNG unit has been set up by GAIL at its Vijaipur LPG plant.

### Sahitya Akademi to host biggest literary festival

Sahitya Akademi is completing 70 years this year and to commemorate this occasion, the 'Sahityotsav' is being celebrated this time as the world's largest literary festival. Dr K. Sreenivasrao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi, informed that more than 1100 renowned writers



and scholars are participating in more than 190 sessions, and more than 175 languages of the country will be represented in it. The highlight of the festival will be the presentation ceremony of the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2023, which will be held on March 12 at Kamani Auditorium. The Samvatsar lecture will be delivered by Urdu writer and lyricist Gulzar on March 13 at Meghdoot. On March 11, Sahitya Akademi

Fellows will also be felicitated. Apart from the regular programmes like multilingual poetry reading and short story reading, Yuva Sahiti, Asmita, Purvottari, panel discussions on Bhakti literature, children's literature, Idea of India, importance of mother tongue, Tribal Poets' and Writers' Meet, etc will also be held.

### CWC celebrates its 68th Foundation Day

Central Warehousing Corporation celebrated its 68th Foundation Day on March 2, 2024, at Sirifort Auditorium, enumerating the achievements of past seven decades and presenting the picture of future leading to Amrit Kal of CWC. Chief guest Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, MoSCAF&PD, graced the occasion.

On the occasion, Shantmanu, AS & FA; Ashok KK Meena, Chairman, CWC; Anuj Kumar, Dir F; and Sangeeta Ramrakhyani, Dir P, were present. In the welcome address to ministry officials, stakeholder, staff, etc., Amit Kumar Singh, MD, CWC, apprised the corporation currently with 546 warehouses having a capacity of over 126 lakh MT is serving



the nation and also enlightened with the upcoming projects strengthening PM's vision of Viksit Bharat by constructing more Grade-A warehouses, cold storages, processing units, etc. Sangeeta Ramrakhyani concluded by vote of thanks. A cultural evening was also organised where all employees, ex-employees with their families, ministry officials and stakeholders were invited.

### Ensuring quality of protective textiles

In a proactive move to safeguard public health and safety, the government has announced stringent measures to uphold the quality standards of protective textiles. With the surge in demand for protective gear amidst ongoing global challenges, ensuring the reliability and effectiveness of such products has become paramount. The new notification, Protective Textiles (Quality Control) Amendment Order, 2022, issued by Ministry of Textiles, GoI, underscores the importance of quality assurance in various protective textiles, including protective gloves for firefighters (as per IS 16874: 2018), protective clothing for firefighters (as per IS 16874: 2018), protective clothing used in industrial processes involving exposure to heat (as per IS 15748: 2018), high visibility warning clothes (as per IS 15809: 2017), bullet resistant jackets (as per IS 17051: 2018) and other protective textiles. It mandates

stringent quality control measures throughout the manufacturing, distribution, and procurement processes.

### 12th CGD bidding round concludes

In a significant stride towards achieving 100 per cent coverage of country's area for the development of city gas distribution (CGD) network, the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) hosted a concluding ceremony for the 12th CGD bidding round. The event was inaugurated by Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, in the presence of Tarun Kapoor, adviser to PM; Dr Anil Kumar Jain, Chairperson, PNGRB; board members and secretary of PNGRB. There was a large presence of key stakeholders from the oil and gas sector of the country and the successful bidders of 12th CGD bidding round. During the event, Puri distributed the letter of intent to successful bidders for their respective geographical areas. The minister acknowledged the efforts of MoPNG, PNGRB, and the successful bidders towards building a robust oil and gas infrastructure.

### NPCC-built apartments inaugurated

Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman, virtually inaugurated Citra Heights residential apartments at Dwarka, New Delhi, for CBIC officials, constructed by NPCC, a subsidiary of WAPCOS, in the presence of Vivek Joshi, Secretary, DFS; Sanjay Malhotra, Revenue Secretary; and Sanjay Agarwal, Chairman, CBIC. The physical function at Citra Heights was graced by CBIC members, namely Rajiv Talwar, Shashank Priya, Vivek Ranjan, and Surjit Bhujbal along with Rajesh Sodhi, Principal Chief Commissioner; Valte Vungzamu, DG (HRD); Manish Govil, Principal Commissioner, and other officials of CBIC.

### Drugs seized in operation by Indian Coast Guard

In its continuous hunt against smuggling of narcotics substances, officers of DRI Chennai Zonal Unit developed specific input of a gang planning to smuggle narcotics substances from India to Sri Lanka via coastal route near Mandapam sea coast. DRI officers and Indian



Coast Guard mounted surveillance over Gulf of Mannar through Indian Coast Guard ship on March 4-5, 2024. During the surveillance, they identified a country boat sailing towards Sri Lanka and intercepted it. Five sacks were found concealed inside the boat. The boat, along with the contraband and three persons on board were brought to Indian Coast Guard Station Mandapam for further investigation. Based on their input, officers of DRI apprehended a person from his house. A total of 111 packets weighing 99 kgs in total containing brown colour sticky material was detected which was found to be Hashish with value of around Rs 108 crores and was seized under NDPS Act.

### CCRT Sanskriti Haat

CCRT senior officials welcomed the chief guest, Dr. Vinod Narayan Indurkar, Chairperson, CCRT, who inaugurated "Kalakaron Evam Shilpakaron Ka Mela" at CCRT Sanskriti Haat. Dr Rahul Kumar, Deputy



Director, was also present on the occasion. It is an exhibition of craft of 25 master craft persons hailing from different parts of the country. The event witnessed mesmerizing performances of CCRT scholar artists during the 10th Virasat Kamladevi Festival on the first day of the festival, which began with the musical recital, instrumental ensemble and cultural dance performance by CCRT scholarship holders. The first play titled Mangalmukh was presented by transgender group Mudra of Maharashtra, which was directed by Shraddha Joshi at Sanskriti Haat.

### PNB launches travel credit card

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has partnered with EaseMyTrip, a travel tech platform, to launch "PNB EMT Credit Card". This power-packed co-branded travel credit card is aimed at mass to premium customer segments and has been meticulously designed to offer a variety of rewards for Indian travellers. Customers can log in to pnbindia.in or PNB ONE app or easemytrip.com to avail this credit card and earn rewards in a variety of categories, including flights, hotels, and holiday packages. Furthermore, this new credit card includes a wallet for contactless payments. Speaking during the launch, PNB MD & CEO said, "Innovation is key to our success, and as a result, we continue to develop partnership models that provide customers with a unique value proposition that is tailored to their evolving needs."



Vivek Kumar Gupta, Managing Director/ NHRCL, inspected the bullet train construction sites in Surat, including casting yard, under-construction Surat bullet train station, steel bridge launching sites and track construction activities.

### Railway Board member visits NR hospital

Anil Kumar Khandelwal, Member Infrastructure, Railway Board, visited Northern Railway Central Hospital in New Delhi, recently. He inspected the various ongoing construction work for marking a new patient rest house in Central Hospital. Dr. Rajneesh Kumar Rastogi, Director of NRCH, and other senior railway officials were also present on the occasion. Khandelwal inspected all construction work and instructed the concerned officials to complete the work within the timeframe so that patients and their families can avail this facility at the earliest.

### Appointments



**RP Goyal assumes additional charge of C&MD, NHPC:** Rajendra Prasad Goyal, currently serving as the Director of Finance at NHPC, has been given the additional responsibility of serving as the Chairman and

Managing Director of NHPC Limited. He assumed the new role on March 1, 2024. Goyal is a member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and also holds a Master's in Commerce from the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. He has experience of more than 35 years in NHPC in the core areas of finance, coupled with in-depth understanding of financial, contractual and regulatory issues involved in the construction and operation of hydropower projects.



**G Sharma takes charge as Deputy Secretary/PR, PSPCL Patiala:** Gopal Sharma has taken charge as Deputy Secretary/Public Relations, PSPCL Patiala. He had joined as Information Officer in the Electricity Board in 2001. Later, he worked at different locations, including Ludhiana, Bathinda, and Lehra Thermal as IPRO, Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary.



# BJP, TDP set to seal pact for LS, Andhra elections

Naidu, Pawan Kalyan Meet Shah & Nadda

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New Delhi: Continuing to cast its net wide, BJP on Thursday appeared to be on the verge of finalising a seat-sharing arrangement with Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Andhra Pradesh for Lok Sabha and assembly polls.

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, along with his ally Jana Sena party chief and Telugu actor Pawan Kalyan, met home minister Amit Shah and BJP chief J P Nadda to work out details of the likely pact for the two contests to be held simultaneously.

Sources said TDP has agreed to leave six LS Sabha seats — Araku, Rajahmundry, Narsapuram, Eluru, Rajampet and Tirupati — for BJP, while resisting the latter's claim for three more: Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Hindupuram. Details of

## Karunakaran daughter quits Cong for BJP

Daughter of former Kerala CM K Karunakaran and a Congress leader, **Padmaja Venugopal**, on Thursday joined BJP, saying she was not happy with the grand old party for years and it lacked a strong leadership.



Venugopal joined BJP in the presence of senior party leaders, including its Kerala in-charge and ex-Union minister Prakash Javadekar.

After joining, she said she was happy to have joined BJP but a "little bit tense also" because she stood with Congress for years. "I decided to quit as I was not happy with Congress for so many years, especially since last assembly polls in Kerala," she told reporters.

She said she tried to reach out to Congress top brass several times to discuss her grievances but was never given appointment. "There should be a strong leadership in every party. In Congress, there is no leadership," she added. **TNN**

talks about who gets to contest how many of the 175 assembly seats could not be known but the talks held at Shah's residence, were told to be progressing well at the time of filing the report and there is a likelihood of holding a joint presser on Friday.

TDP was part of BJP-led NDA but exited in 2018 when Naidu was the state's CM.

Sources said if arrangements with allies, including from Bihar, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and other states, are finalised,

there will be a meeting of NDA constituents on Sunday.

The development comes amid growing indications that BJP and Biju Janata Dal, which is in office in Odisha, are on the verge of finalising their alliance as senior leaders of the two parties held separate meetings on Wednesday and dropped hints of such a possibility.

Naidu had met Shah and Nadda in Feb, bolstering speculation that they are headed for an alliance even as things have not crystallised so far.

## Maldives army to hold operational control of copter, crew from India

Male: Maldivian defence force on Thursday said it will have operational authority over the helicopter given by India to the island nation and the civilian crew that will pilot it.

Addressing a press conference, Principal Director of Plans, Policy, and Resources Management for Maldives National Defence Force, Colonel Ahmed Mujthaba Mohamed said discussions are underway for withdrawing Indian troops from Maldives.

Col Mujthaba said the Indian helicopter stationed in Addu City is currently undergoing repairs, and in its place, 26 civilians have arrived in Maldives with a replacement helicopter. He said familiarisation process is in progress and said Indian troops will depart from Maldives as planned. **PTI**

## MEA official in Af for trade talks with Taliban

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New Delhi: Without officially recognising the current dispensation in Kabul, India has continued to engage with Taliban leaders and officials over issues related to humanitarian assistance.

Apart from this, terrorism, drug trafficking, formation of a "truly inclusive" govt and preserving rights of women, children and minorities top India's list of immediate priorities. In line with this, govt point person for Afghanistan and MEA joint secretary JP Singh is currently visiting the country to engage with Taliban leaders, including foreign minister Amir Khan Mutaqqi.

Bilateral relations between Afghanistan and India, economic and transit

issues were discussed comprehensively, said Taliban foreign ministry.

Singh also met industry and trade minister on Thursday to discuss economic cooperation between Afghanistan and India, which reopened its embassy in Kabul in 2022. This is his fourth visit since Taliban takeover of the country in Aug, 2021.

Interestingly, the Indian official also met former Afghan president Hamid Karzai, one of the few political leaders to remain in Kabul after return of Taliban, to discuss the situation in the country. Karzai requested India to continue to cooperate with Afghanistan, especially in the field of education, in line with its traditionally strong ties with people of the country.

# Released from Nagpur jail after a decade, Saibaba says 'it's a miracle to be alive'

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Nagpur: The imposing blue and yellow gate of Nagpur Central Jail opened on Thursday morning to let out former Delhi University professor GN Saibaba in a wheelchair, straight into the waiting arms of his wife Vasanthi Kumari after almost a decade of incarceration that he said was so traumatic, "it's a miracle to be alive".

Saibaba, whose release came two days after he and five others charged under UAPA with aiding Maoists and waging war against the state were acquitted a second time, said seeing his cellmate and co-accused Pandu Narote die two years ago left him shaken.

The 54-year-old alleged that being denied medical treatment in prison wracked his health, as it did Narote's, whom he described as a "young, healthy tribal" who died of "a simple fever".

"When I went to prison, I had no ailments other than my disability. Now, my heart is only 55% functional, and I am facing muscular complications. My liver, gallbladder and pancreas have also been affected. My right hand is partially functional. My doctor says I need multiple surgeries," he told reporters.

Lawyer Nihal Singh Rathod stood by his side as Saibaba insisted he was a rights activist who had been victimised by state. The ex-professor said he only did a piece of documentation on tribal rights at the behest of fellow 'activists' — late Delhi HC judge Rajindar Sachar, Swami Agnivesh, then IAS officer BD Sharma, and then DU professor Randhir Singh. "They wanted me to coordinate with civil rights groups, while govt in power told me to stop my work. This became the basis of my arrest."

Saibaba recounted how govt ran a "salwa judum" and Operation Green Hunt, affecting tribals whose land had allegedly been usurped for mining projects.

The professor denied knowing Narote before his jail stint. He also expressed solidarity with lawyer Surendra Gadling, an accused in Bhima Koregaon violence case, now lodged in Pune jail. Saibaba said Gadling was

## Why having a book on Mao doesn't make you a Maoist

Bombay high court's Nagpur bench, as it acquitted former DU professor GN Saibaba, made it clear that internet downloads of material about a specific ideology is no offence under anti-terrorism law UAPA. But lower courts quite often don't go by this principle. So, those accused stay jailed till their appeal comes up before the higher judiciary with SC reiterating a number of times that possessing literature is simply not an offence, in and of itself. Here's a look at some instances

**TOI Explains**



### Gautam Navlakha vs State Maharashtra, 2018

Arrested in 2020 in Elgar Parishad case, under house arrest since 2022. Bombay high court granted him bail in Dec 2023. Case was in SC on Mar 7, 2024, where NIA appealed against his bail

"In the present case, said documents recovered, such as Agenda or Constitution of the Party or other related documents, which allegedly propagated violence, would not attract provisions of UAPA... Mere possession of CPI(Maoist) literature does not attract UAPA..."

— SC REFERRED TO ITS EARLIER ORDER ON GONSALVES, FERREIRA



### Binayak Sen (PUCL vs State) Chhattisgarh, 2010

Binayak Sen was arrested in 2007, charged with sedition for possessing allegedly seditious literature

> Sessions court sentenced him to life in 2010. SC stayed sentence, granted him bail in 2011

"Mere possession does not constitute sedition unless there is incitement to violence... If Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography is found in somebody's place, is he a Gandhian? No case of sedition is made out on basis of materials in possession unless you show he was actively helping or harbouring them (Maoists)" — SC

PUCL is People's Union for Civil Liberties

### Vernon Gonsalves vs State Maharashtra, 2018

Jailed in Aug 2018, accused under UAPA in Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case. SC granted bail to Arun Ferreira and Gonsalves in July 2023

"Mere possession of literature, even if it inspires or propagates violence, by itself would neither amount to a 'terrorist act' under UAPA nor any other offence..." — SC



### Arup Bhuyan (ULFA) vs State Assam, 2011

Arrested under UAPA for alleged membership of banned outfit ULFA and being in possession of books and CDs containing allegedly seditious material

"Mere possession of such material not an offence under UAPA or TADA unless there is active involvement or incitement to violence or intention to build upon activities of banned organisation" — SC

(Note: In 2023, SC reversed its 2011 verdict on membership not being an offence under UAPA)

### Allan and Thaha vs State (Kerala, 2019)

Kochi NIA court (2019) bailed two Kerala students arrested under UAPA for alleged Maoist links. HC set aside bail of one. SC bailed both in 2021.

"Mere possession of literature on Maoist ideology or class struggle does not prove anything adverse against the accused" — SC

### Md Ameen & Others vs NIA (2022)

NIA accused 11 people of propagating Islamic State ideology. An NIA court in Delhi held mere possession of jihadi literature is not an offence under UAPA

"To hold that mere possession of jihadi literature having a particular religious philosophy would amount to an offence, though such literature is not expressly or specifically banned under any provision of law, is not fathomable in law unless and until there is material about execution of such philosophy so as to do terrorist acts" — NIA COURT

paying the price for defending him in court. "He was threatened with a long prison

term for fighting my case." On whether he will continue activism, Saibaba said it is

every citizen's duty to stand up for rights. He said despite his health, he wants to make up

for lost time. "I was arrested at peak of my career. Will I get back the 10 years I lost?"

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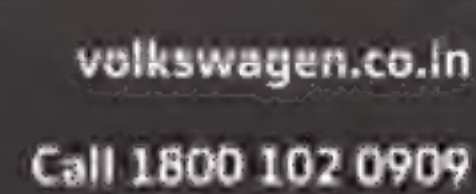
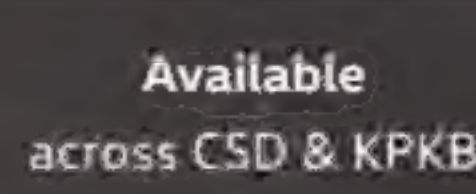
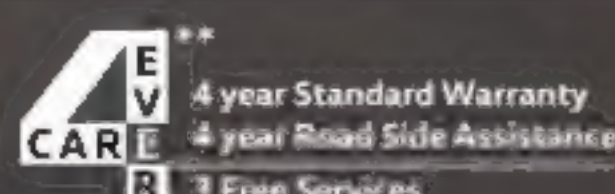
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